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Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, (left) met Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak at the presidential palace in Cairo this past summer. [I.P.P.A. photo]

Israel agrees to join multilateral peace talks

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

In a policy shift, Israel has agreed to join multilateral peace talks on refugee affairs and regional economic development, which it previously boycotted.

The announcement was made last week after Egyptian Foreign Minister Amre Moussa made a lightning visit to Jerusalem.

Sources here credited Moussa with persuading Israel to join the two multilateral working groups, which it had until now boycotted because of participation by delegates linked to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Israel's agreement to participate in the talks was announced at the end of a meeting that Moussa held with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres before flying back to Cairo.

He had reportedly handed Rabin "practical" proposals from President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to advance negotiations with the Palestinians, who had recently complained that their talks with Israel were lagging behind those with Syria.

Israel had boycotted both working groups in the past because the Palestinians insisted on including representatives from outside the territories in those talks. This had been viewed here as an attempt to include the PLO in the talks.

Israel has now agreed to negotiate with representatives of the so-called Palestinian exile on three conditions: that they are not members of the Palestine National Council, that they are not residents of Jerusalem, and that they do not raise as an issue the right of Palestinian refugees to return to parts of Israel they fled after Israeli independence.

It was not clear whether Israel's consent to join the two working groups involved any Palestinian concessions.

It was also not clear whether Israel's action would prompt Syria or Lebanon to join the multilateral talks. They have boycotted not only the talks on refugees and economic development, but also the other three working groups: on disarmament, the environment and water resources.

Moussa's previously unannounced visit came as the country commemorated the fallen of the 1973 Yom Kippur War when Israel beat back surprise attacks by Egypt and Syria after sustaining heavy losses.

The symbolism of the visit by the Egyptian minister was underlined by Rabin.

In an address at a memorial ceremony at the Mount Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem, the prime minister took note of the fact that he was about to meet with his Egyptian guest. He said a lesson of the Yom Kippur War was the need to avoid a repetition of the mistakes that had led to the hostilities.

Moussa divided his tight schedule between Rabin and Peres, whom he met separately twice each before the three-way meeting later in the day.

Peres welcomed the surprise visit of the Egyptian guest. "There were times when a visit by Egypt's foreign minister to Israel was a sensation and an event. Today it is part of ongoing working relations," he said.

Moussa began his long day with a half-hour meeting with Peres, before moving on to discussions with Rabin, to whom he handed the special message from Mubarak.

Rabin did not give Moussa an immediate reply to Mubarak's message nor to Egyptian suggestions on the Palestinian issue.

Coming out of the meeting with Rabin, Moussa said he was optimistic about negotiations with the Palestinians.

Mengele freed by U.S. in '45

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Josef Mengele, the notorious Nazi death camp doctor, was in U.S. custody twice in 1945 but was mistakenly released, the U.S. Justice Department has confirmed.

In a long-awaited report released last week, the department said Mengele, who died in 1979, was held in two prisoner-of-war camps in Germany but released because the U.S. Army never learned he was a war crimes suspect.

The 197-page report, hailed by Jewish groups, said Mengele masqueraded as a member of the German army. But it is possible, though unconfirmed, "that he was later registered and discharged under his own name," the report says.

"It is likely that he passed as a regular soldier and was released in routine fashion in the chaotic conditions that prevailed in the summer of 1945," the report says.

Mengele then lived in hiding in Germany for several years before making his way to South America.

There is no evidence that U.S. authorities knew of or aided his escape from Europe, the report says.

The Justice Department document confirms information reported in a 1986 book by Gerald Posner, titled *Mengele: The Complete Story.*

But Posner's information was based on a quasi-diary that Mengele kept in Brazil, which was turned over to a German magazine by Mengele's son, Rolf, in 1985.

According to Posner, Mengele "told the American camp authorities his real name."

Posner said that the Justice Department report is "not news in the sense of news." But he added that it has become "news since everyone has forgotten" what he disclosed six years ago.

"We are confirming and documenting some things that have been said before," acknowledged Eli Rosenbaum, principal deputy director of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, which prepared the report.

What is important about the report, he said, is that it is a confirmation, an actual documentation of the events, whereas Mengele's diaries were more of "an autobiographical novel."

The OSI, which prepared the report at the behest of the attorney general, acknowledged Posner's help in the report.

The purpose of the investigation, begun in 1985, was to determine Mengele's whereabouts and activities between 1945 and 1949, and his whereabouts in 1985, so that authorities in Germany or Israel could try him.

The investigation, by the United States, Germany and Israel, resulted in the disinterring in June 1985 of Mengele's remains on a beach in Brazil.

The report was withheld from the public until now because of a U.S. understanding with the Germans and Israelis that it would not be published until the conclusion of DNA testing of Mengele family members, said Rosenbaum.

That took place this past March and confirmed beyond a doubt that the man buried near Sao Paulo, Brazil, was definitely the Auschwitz doctor known as the "angel of death."

He died of a stroke at age 67 while swimming off the Brazilian coast near Sao Paulo.

Rosenbaum blamed the delay in issuing the report on the Mengele family's resistance to the testing.

The report also says there is no evidence American authorities knew of Mengele's whereabouts during the long search for the physician, who conducted terrible experiments on Jews and took part in mass murders.

The report confirms that after Mengele was released from U.S. custody, he lived under an alias on a farm in the U.S.-occupied zone of Germany before going to Italy in 1949 and then used a false identity to travel by ship to Argentina.

Josef Mengele

...as a young man.

He moved to Paraguay in 1959 and Brazil a year later.

The investigation established that while he was in hiding, he received funds regularly from his wealthy family in Germany.

This new information adds Mengele's name to a list of Nazi war criminals who were captured by U.S. forces after the war and released. Some were even used by U.S. intelligence forces and helped to escape.

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Leaders optimistic

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL—

Just three years ago, the then Quebec region chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Morton Bessner, pessimistically declared that "the Garden of Eden" was over for the province's Jewish community.

He appeared to be on the mark. The bitter Meech Lake accord debate that followed, the eventual failure of those negotiations and the sour aftermath were gloomy days for Quebec Jews.

But, more recently, a mood of determined optimism seems to be surfacing in the communal psyche. Determined, because evidence of community vitality is scarce. Only the 1991 census data will tell exactly how many people the community has lost, and that information is not expected to be available until next spring.

Perhaps it's the will to survive or resentment of the bad press Quebec has received, but Montreal's Jewish leaders and much of the grassroots are openly boosting Quebec, talking effusively about its quality of life and going out of their way to put the lie to talk of anti-Semitism.

The mood has been helped by the fading memory of Bill 178 (the law forbidding English on outdoor signs) and the absence of any major recent insult to anglophones. The last couple of years have also been relatively free of overt anti-Semitism, either in the physical form or in the form of ungenerous remarks à la Pierre Péladeau, who provoked a storm of controversy when he said that Jews "took up too much room" in Quebec.

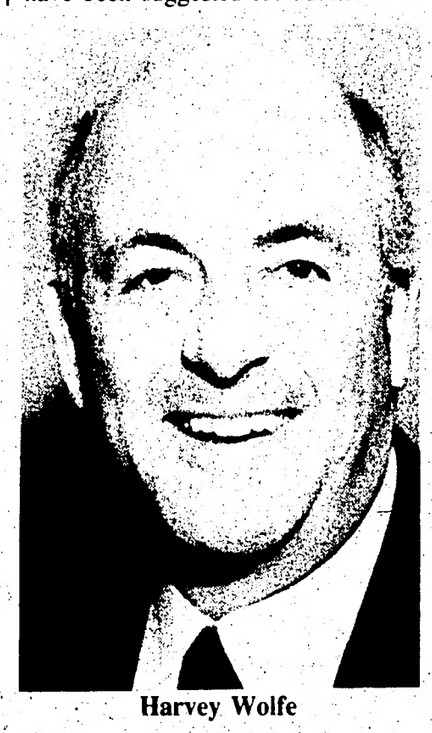
In fact, since Mordecai Richler went on the offensive, many French-Canadians and Jews have denied his insinuations and gone out of their way to prove the two communities really are compatible.

In the community establishment, coping strategy for the new order has two main prongs. FEDERATION CJA (formerly Allied Jewish Community Services) has launched ProMontréal, subtitled in typical bureaucratese "a pro-active commitment to the future of Montreal's Jewish community."

And Canadian Jewish Congress, cognizant that there is strength in numbers, has teamed up with its Italian and Greek counterpart organizations to promote Canadian unity and, at the same time, tell people outside Quebec things aren't so bad for minorities here.

At this point, ProMontréal's most clearly defined activities have been trying to persuade young Jews to stay in Quebec, mainly by encouraging Jewish firms to employ them, and promoting greater proficiency in the French language and more contact with French Quebecers and their culture. Day schools, for instance, are urged to ensure graduates are fluent in French.

Ulpan-like crash courses in French have been suggested for adults.



Harvey Wolfe

Federation president Harvey Wolfe, an architect by profession, says the general goal of ProMontréal is to change attitudes. He thinks Montreal is "the best place in the world to live."

His hope is not only to keep native young Jews here, but also to try to woo the approximately 1,200 out-of-town Jewish students who annually attend a Montreal university to stay permanently after they graduate.

And Montreal has been encouraging Jews from the former Soviet Union to immigrate here — an unusual policy in the Diaspora.

"The key issue is employment," said Wolfe, who acknowledges a serious outflow of young Jews. "The political uncertainty is a factor, but it isn't key." Finding good jobs, however, is not easy in a city where unemployment hovers at 15 percent.

Ability/willingness to work in French is less a problem than before, in Wolfe's opinion. He emphatically denies anti-Semitism is an issue.

The demographic decline has necessitated a serious re-evaluation of community planning. Wolfe notes how times have changed: in 1970, the Jewish health and social service institutions projected that, by 1990, the Quebec Jewish population would be 158,000. Today, it is estimated to be 90,000. Jewish national bodies have been advised that Montreal has probably reached its fundraising peak, and local agencies, that the days of rising expectations are over.

Although he does not believe it will happen, Wolfe thinks a "viable Jewish community" would continue in an independent Quebec.

"Quebec has always been very good (to the community), no matter who has been in power. There's a good liaison; if there's a problem, we can call the responsible minister."

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"I have a sense things are quite positive in the Jewish community; a lot of fears have been calmed," says Max Bernard, chairman of CJC's national unity committee and its Quebec community relations committee. In his opinion, talk of separation was on the wane — at least, before the national referendum campaign began. Like Wolfe, he also rates economic factors high in ensuring the health of the Jewish community.

CJC's cross-Canada tour with the National Congress of Italian-Canadians and the Hellenic Canadian Congress (who together claim to represent 1.8 million Canadians, including 400,000 Quebecers), which began 1½ years ago was, he says, "a fabulous experience."

Its greatest impact was clearing up

Max Bernard

"misconceptions" about minorities in Quebec among members of these communities themselves and among political leaders, he says. The coalition tried to explain what Quebecers want.

The three groups hold common positions regarding a renewed constitution, such as promotion of the French language in Quebec while affirming the "pluralistic character" of the province.

It sought and received favorable media attention, particularly in Quebec —although a planned tour within Quebec was dropped because "people were tired of this topic," said community relations director Jack Jedwab.

Bernard, a lawyer, says CJC's position on the constitution was arrived at after long consultation with the community, and is as representative as possible of the feeling of the majority.

In 1980, CJC was neutral in the Quebec referendum on sovereignty-association, a stance that left many in the Jewish community disillusioned with CJC.

Over the next year, CJC plans to work closely with FEDERATION CJA on ProMontréal, particularly on the youth question and rapprochement with franco-Quebecers.

"People may be anxious about the future, but day to day life is very good for Jews in Quebec," says Egyptian-born Bernard. "Jewish education is fantastic and well-supported (by the Quebec government). Anti-Semitic incidents are few and far between. The Keegstras are not Quebecers."

Quebec region executive director Michael Crelinsten notes that worry about what will happen in Quebec is not unique to Jews, but is shared by all minorities and even by francophones.

Jedwab said CJC has been successful over the past five years in establishing good relations with the French media, labor unions, the Quebec Human Rights Commission and nationalist groups like the St. Jean Baptiste Society and Mouvement National des Québécois, as well as politicians and civil servants.

"We perceive a significant interest (in getting to know the Jewish community) and often contacts have been at their initiative.

"It's very much in the interest of both sides."

CJC leaders point to the protest by residents of Sorel, who gathered 12,000 signatures against a planned neo-Nazi rally, as evidence of the basic tolerance of Quebecers.

Next week The CJN looks at the referendum

Chassidic community adapts to changes

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

If any segment of the Jewish community has experienced anti-Semitism in Quebec, in both physical and verbal forms, it is the Chassidim. Yet, their numbers continue to grow and they remain essentially oblivious to the political and linguistic vicissitudes.

Sydney Pfeiffer, a member of the Agudah movement, has become an unofficial spokesman for Orthodox Jews since his election to the Outremont city council last November.

"The Orthodox Jewish community looks at (what is happening in Quebec) very differently," says Pfeiffer, a chartered accountant.

"Jews have got caught up in the English-French bit by ricochet from the general community. Our concern in the Orthodox community is not language, but can we have our Jewish institutions, can we maintain community life? If it means there has to be more French, then let there be more French . . . We're not married to either English or French."

Pfeiffer thinks the day schools that remain nominally English have made a mistake in not going totally French if that is what it takes to admit immigrant Jewish children.

Some Chassidim and Orthodox Jews have left Quebec, but others have moved in, he said. More might move in if they were sure they could send their children to the yeshivah of their choice.

At present, for example, immigrant children can be admitted to the Yeshiva Gedola-Merkaz Hatorah, with which he is affiliated, only on appeal for "humanitarian grounds," i.e., no French school with the same religious ideology exists.

Despite the well-publicized attacks on the Chassidim of Outremont over the past few years, Pfeiffer thinks they have few problems in their day-to-day life.

"What's the alternative? New York is the most likely, but look at the problems there. Wherever they go — except Israel — Chassidim will face anti-Semitism."

As long as they can make a living here and find the community services they need, Montreal is a very attractive city for Orthodox Jews, he said.

In Outremont, Pfeiffer is convinced much of the tensions have been fanned and exploited by councillors for political gain. "Certain people on council are less than tolerant, but they are not out and out anti-Semites, they just lack a will to understand."

Among the citizenry, Jews and francophones are by and large living in peaceful co-existence, said Pfeiffer, who is a member of the governing municipal party.

Cultural differences have led to misconceptions, he concedes. "French-Canadians are very sociable. They like to get together, to have parties. If they invite a Jewish neighbor and he refuses, they think he's anti-social, when really he's avoiding non-kosher food or a situation where men and women mix.

"Even among ourselves, we don't socialize. I think non-Jews are beginning to recognize we are different."

Pfeiffer does advocate that the Orthodox get more involved with the mainstream Jewish community. Both sides could gain from greater contact, especially in ensuring the viability of services and institutions, he says.

Montreal anglophone-Jewish director Garry Beitel (right), won wide acclaim for his sensitive handling of tensions between Quebec francophones and Chassidim in his documentary, Bonjour! Shalom!. Beitel is chatting with members of the Belz community, Yitzhak Roth (left) and Ernest Kisner.

Ethnic coalition seminar lets groups vent emotions

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

A recent all-day seminar staged by the Jewish, Greek and Italian coalition to "consult" with its local and national constituencies was, to a large extent, a fairly predictable exercise in public and political relations — but it was an exercise, nonetheless, that gave needed expression to many heartfelt emotions as Oct. 26 nears.

Neither high-profile panelists like Jean Dorion, head of the ultra-nationalist St. Jean Baptiste Society (SJBS), nor Bob Keaton, the president of the anglophone rights group Alliance Québec, said anything particularly new as they defended their respective No and Yes positions on the referendum question and on the place of cultural communities in the constitutional conundrum.

Nor was the day truly a "consultation," by dictionary definition: "to seek permission for a proposed act." Three weeks earlier, the coalition had pronounced in favor of the constitutional deal hammered out in Charlottetown.

Yet, unlike most community seminars, the people in the audience actually got a chance to be heard. When organizers realized that little time would remain for questions and answers after the panelists finished, they made an on-the-spot decision to cancel a workshop and use the freed-up two hours for some real audience feedback.

The depth of emotion during the afternoon session — which, unlike the evening forum, was not open to the public — became clear at the start when Barbara Kay, a Jewish Montrealer, criticized the francophone panelists for not speaking any English, even though many in the audience were from outside the province.

Many not Quebecers

One of the Yes panelists, Senator Gérald Beaudoin, said he was unaware that such a large segment of the audience were not Quebecers, while Michel Bourdon, a Parti Québécois member of the National Assembly, criticized organizers for not arranging simultaneous translation.

It was Dorion, however, who made the most acid retort, observing that the complaint about francophone panelists speaking French came from a Quebecer, not from one of the outside participants.

And although he got no direct questions about it, it was Dorion who felt compelled to briefly allude to the previous week's controversial advertisement published by the SJBS warning that Montreal's non-francophone population was in "free fall".

Dorion, accused of xenophobia as a result of the ad, said he was completely in favor of immigrants and cultural communities preserving their language of origin — so long as they integrate into francophone Quebec society.

Montreal Jewish businessman Stanley Abbey produced one of the better sound bites of the day. "I've spent years getting out of a ghetto," he said. "Why would French Quebec want to get into one?"

At one point during the question and answer session, Bourdon, realizing he was speaking to virtually an all-Yes audience, tried to reassure participants that the world would not end if the No forces in the province won. "There was no civil war when Meech Lake failed," he said, at the same time condemning National Unity Minister Joe Clark for trying to frighten the population into approving the deal by comparing Quebec to Lebanon.

For his part, Alliance Quebec's Keaton, in reply to a question, termed the referendum debate a process of "psychological warfare."

Keaton demanded to know from Bourdon when the PQ intended to release a planned party report on anglophone rights. Bourdon responded with assurances that such rights would be enshrined in a "Quebec constitution" after secession.

Keaton expressed appreciation for that, while taking into account that the "road to Hell is pave with good intentions."

During a strong defence of the new deal, Beaudoin showed his irritation with Bourdon's argument that Quebec got no new powers at Charlottetown. "Let's face it. If you're sovereignist," Beaudoin told him, "you would find nothing acceptable. A referendum on sovereignty — which you want — is not on power-sharing!"

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During the earlier panel presentation, presided over by Max Bernard, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress' national unity committee, Dorion and Bourdon, on the No side, took on Beaudoin and Keaton, but little blood was let.

Bourdon condemned the Charlottetown deal for giving Quebec the same number of senators "as P.E.I.," and he argued that the 25 percent of guaranteed Quebec seats in Parliament would be threatened if the population decreased.

Dorion said the deal ignores Quebec's aspirations and threatens Bill 101, Quebec's French-language charter, because of its minority language rights guarantees across Canada.

Beaudoin strongly disagreed, pointing out that the new constitution recognized eight fundamental characteristics of Quebec's distinct society that are not weakened by minority language-rights protection.

"Quebec's gains are real," he said; they include complete control of culture, the 25 per cent guarantee, the "double-majority" requirement on linguistic and cultural issues in the revised Senate, and an additional guarantee for Quebec of three federal Supreme Court seats.

Keaton, alluding to the position of Equality Party leader Robert Libman's position, said you don't have to "hold your nose" to support the deal. On the rights gained for aboriginals alone, he argued, "it is a remarkable accomplishment."

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During the luncheon held for coalition participants, Claude Beauchamp, president of the Regroupement économie et constitution, a group of Quebec business leaders, made a strong call to get out the Yes vote.

"We all know what's at stake," he said, "the future of us and Canada."

Beauchamp warned that if the referendum failed, the status quo, i.e., economic and political uncertainty, would continue in Quebec and Canada.

The more Quebecers who vote, the more likely the referendum will be to pass, he said, pointing out that that 85 percent of Quebecers voted in the 1980 referendum.

He accused the Reform Party and the PQ, both of which oppose the deal, of sharing the same "shrinking vision" of Canada.

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Bernard Landry

Bernard Landry, vice-president of the Parti Québécois, is one of the leaders in the movement for Quebec sovereignty. A recognized expert in issues surrounding the trilateral free trade agreement between Canada, the United States and Mexico, he also held important ministerial posts in the government of René Lévesque. He is presently teaching international economics at the Université du Québec à Montréal.

Landry, who began his professional career as a lawyer with the Jewish Labor Committee of Montreal, has always maintained close and friendly relations with the Quebec Jewish community.

Over the past weeks, he has been very actively involved with the No referendum committee, put together by several political groups, public associations and trade unions to fight for the rejection of the Charlottetown accord.

CJN reporter Elias Lévy and editor Patricia Rucker spoke with him last month, just at the official start of the national and Quebec referendum campaigns. The interview was conducted in French.

CJN: *Why, in your opinion, should Quebecers categorically reject the constitutional offers contained in the Charlottetown accord?*

Bernard Landry: I am politically, morally and humanly convinced that these constitutional offers do not respond at all to the minimal aspirations of Quebec.

First of all, one must remember that Quebec is not a distinct society, but a people and a nation. All Quebecers acknowledge this definition, including MM. Bourassa, Parizeau and the members of the Bélanger-Campeau Commission. If the federal government wants to develop a true, lasting and generous constitution, it must begin by acknowledging this reality.

Secondly, for 75 years, the whole of Quebec, all political parties in concert, has called for new powers. There are none in these proposals. In 1867, Quebec had a half-dozen exclusive powers. The present accord offers to give these back, in return for a set of conditions and a series of negotiations which must take place every five years. That's unacceptable to us. It amounts to a serious setback with respect to the position we held in 1867.

CJN: *If Quebec votes against these constitutional offers, will the Parti Québécois interpret this No as a vote in favor of sovereignty?*

Landry: Not at all, because this (the Quebec) referendum is solely on the federal government offers. We placed enormous pressure on the government of M. Bourassa to have this referendum deal with the question of sovereignty. But, in spite of the million signatures we collected on petitions asking that this referendum be devoted to the definitive status of Quebec within the Canadian confederation, M. Bourassa refused.

It's undeniable that a No to these offers could, with difficulty, be interpreted as a Yes to sovereignty. The No coalition is too broad for us to be able to permit ourselves to take this interpretation. In effect, our coalition has brought in Liberals who don't accept these offers, like MM. Jean Allaire, former president of the legal committee of the Liberal Party of Quebec, and Mario Dumont, the president of the LPQ's youth wing. Moreover, we don't want to get bogged down in muddled interpretations. In this regard, Quebec has already had, in 1980, a very bad experience when a certain Pierre Elliott Trudeau said that No meant Yes. That ended very, very badly.

CJN: *In the course of an interview you gave last August 31 to the Montreal radio station CJMS, you declared: "The overwhelming majority of allophones and anglophones are in favor of the federal position . . . . The néo-québécois (new Quebecers) have not understood our position; I mean that, overwhelmingly, as they usually do, they will support the position that is the least québécois." Does that mean that only those who support sovereignty are authentic and loyal citizens of Quebec?*

Landry: Absolutely not. My words have been misinterpreted. In my home town, the PQ doesn't get more than about 55 percent of the vote. That means that 45 percent of the residents of my village vote for another party. However, I can assure you that this little town has never been more québécois than it is now. It's never been a question for us to consider those who don't share our positions or who don't vote for us as less than full citizens of Quebec.

For the umpteenth time I want to repeat for you my unequivocal definition of a citizen of Quebec: a Quebecer is someone who lives in the territory of Quebec and who loves Quebec enough to consider it as his or her homeland (patrie). This definition has absolutely no ethnic or linguistic connotation.

The words which I spoke over the airwaves of CJMS were a particular allusion to the positions adopted by the tripartite coalation of Jewish, Greek and Italian associations. A few hours after the announcement of the Charlottetown accord, this coalition came out in favor of it without having first taken the time to read carefully what these proposed constitutional offers contained. In my opinion, they (the coalition) do not represent all the cultural communities of Quebec.

CJN: *However, if one can trust the results of several recent studies and polls, the cultural communities of Quebec reject, by a large majority of approximately 95 percent, the sovereignty proposal of your party.*

Landry: That's true. According to our polls over the years, and according to a tradition solidly anchored in Quebec electoral customs, approximately 10 percent of the cultural communities support the PQ and our national sovereignty proposal. And, as a symbol tinged with humor, I must remind you that the member for the provincial riding of Westmount is a PQ member. However, it's not true that all the cultural communities flatly object to our sovereignty proposal.

For example, between 60 and 65 percent of the Haitian and Latin-American communities support our proposal. Scientific studies carried out by credible and experienced polling organizations have come up with these results. The Haitians, the Latin Americans and the Asians are also an integral part of the ethnic minorities of Quebec.

The cultural communities are not limited to a consortium of the Jewish, Italian and Greek associations. It would have been wiser and more desirable if that coalition had waited for the debate to unfold, for an in-depth analysis of the offers to be underway, and for the legal texts of this accord to be available, before taking a position. This too-hasty move appears to me to be imprudent.

CJN: *Will anglophone minority rights be protected and guaranteed in the framework of an eventually sovereign Quebec?*

Landry: There's not the least doubt about that. The rights of the anglophone community are sacred rights which would be guaranteed by the constitution of a sovereign Quebec. There's absolutely nothing to fear. The rights and the status of this minority would be equal, and even superior, in the framework of a sovereign Quebec. Why superior? Because a few years after independence, all the tensions and the haunting fears inherent in safeguarding Quebec's identity will gradually disappear.

Do Denmark, Sweden, or France fear for the future of their identity? I don't think so. In a sovereign Quebec, the social climate would be much more tranquil that it is at the present time. The thorny linguistic question would, without any doubt, take on less alarming proportions. The language laws would also be, in my opinion, less necessary. Moreover, I'm very happy to note that the members of the Quebec anglophone community have adopted a completely exemplary attitude throughout this stormy constitutional debate.

CJN: *Do you believe that Quebec anglophones are more sensitive to your party's sovereignty proposal and to the nationalist aspirations of francophone Quebecers?*

Landry: Very sincerely, I think so. The anglophone community is now showing signs of patience and of integration that are very encouraging for us. During the hearings organized by the Bélanger-Campeau Commission, some key anglophone figures supported our sovereigntist positions without reservation. That, at least, was the position of Mme Phyllis Lambert.

I think that our anglophone compatriots are more and more well informed and aware of the new realities of the Quebec of today. When I see M. Peter Blaikie, former president of the board of Alliance Québec and a professional associate of M. Pierre Elliott Trudeau, denounce the consitutional offers because he is convinced they represent a snub delivered to the people of Quebec, I have the impression that the anglophone mentality is in the process of slowly evolving.

CJN: *Has the sharp controversy stirred up by the Mordecai Richler affair changed the harmonious relations between the Jewish community and the francophone majority?*

Landry: The Jewish community of Quebec has absolutely nothing in common with M. Richler, who is the incarnation of the most hostile anti-québécois racism. That pamphleteer didn't achieve his primary aim, which was to divide Quebec society. Paradoxically, that sordid Richler affair contributed to drawing the Jewish community closer to the rest of the Quebec population. In effect, several Jewish leaders did not hesitate to rebuke Richler very severely, and to label his outrageous writings as loathsome.

Relations between the Jewish community and the francophone majority of Quebec have always been cordial and close. However, I'm always surprised to note that some members of your community still display an aversion towards Quebec nationalism. Such fears are in no way justified.

Are you aware that there are only two places in the world where Jewish public schools are subsidized by the taxpayers? Israel, where it's completely normal, and Quebec. Does a comparable system of financing exist in Ontario? No. Are you aware that some eminent members of the Quebec Jewish community have already held, simultaneously, high positions in the Ministry of Justice, as Chief Justice of the Appeal Court and Chief Justice of the Superior Court? Has that happened yet in Ontario?

CJN: *Do you believe that English Canada continues to have a false and stereotypical view of Quebec?*

Landry: Most unfortunately, I think that's the case. Some pernicious and stubborn prejudices continue to be held towards Quebec in the rest of Canada. English Canadians are profoundly convinced that Quebec's quest is a quest based solely or ethnicity and race. That is a great error of judgment. The Quebec enterprise is a grand political and cultural enterprise which gathers together all the inhabitants of Quebec, with no distinction of race.

Quebec society is not a homogeneous human entity. On the contrary, it is a very broad, very diversified society, very vibrant and very sophisticated. In proportion to all of Canada, it is in Quebec that the largest number of books are published each year. One book out of two in Canada is published in Quebec. Quebec society is shot through with a diversity of opinion. English Canada ought to at least have the honesty to make the minimal distinctions necessary.

I myself am not French, but I know perfectly well to make a distinction between Michel Rocard and Jean-Marie Le Pen. I know also the differences which exist between Preston Manning and Roy Romanow. It is imperative to explain to the rest of Canada what is really the true nature of Quebec and of Quebecers.

There are responsible organizations, such as the communal Jewish institutions and *The Canadian Jewish News*, which ought to contribute to restoring this truth. The PQ has no votes to win in Toronto, nor in Winnipeg, nor in Calgary. However, I, M. Parizeau and other members of my party go regularly to the major Canadian cities in order to explain to our provincial counterparts our aspirations and our proposals.

There are a lot (of people) in English Canada who should not forget that the attitude of Quebec is completely remarkable and irreproachable in several respects. There is a recent scientific study done for the federal government which shows that intolerance towards immigrants is growing everywhere in Canada — except in Quebec; and that the xenophobia of Quebecers is "negligible." Moreover, studies have also demonstrated that the treatment accorded by Quebec to its aboriginal population is quite superior to that accorded to them in the other provinces of Canada.

CJN: *The Canadian Jewish Congress Quebec region has recently described as xenophobic the contents of an advertisement published by the St. Jean Baptiste Society in the Montreal media. This (advertisement) states that the falling birth rate, the exodus of young families and the arrival of new immigrants are contributing to accelerating the demographic decline of the francophone populaton of Montreal Island. What's your opinion on this subject?*

Landry: It's simply a question of an extreme abuse of words. I think that the use of the word xenophobia this time goes beyond the limits of common sense. The reaction of the Jewish Congress greatly surprises me. When I strongly defend the French language, it is the language of some 20,000 Sephardim, of Belgians and of the French who live in Quebec that I also defend.

My positions on this matter are very clear. I personally am in favor of a Quebec of 15 million inhabitants. The land of Quebec is vast and we are open to immigration originating from all the countries of the world, all races and all languages together. But every person who wants to settle here with us is seriously invited to participate in the building of the Quebec culture and the French language. And that, with the absolute respect for the sacred rights of the anglophone and allophone minorities.

CJN Exclusive

Gérald Tremblay

Gérald Tremblay was elected a member of Quebec's National Assembly for Outremont in September 1989, after serving many years in the upper echelons of business and finance. A Quebec-trained lawyer, Tremblay earned an MBA at the Harvard Business School in 1970 and launched his career as a financial analyst with Dun & Bradstreet. Later, he became senior associate with a consulting firm belonging to the SOBECO Group, and in 1981, he was called on to take part in the turnaround of the Fédération des caisses d'entraide economique du Québec.

Less than a month after being elected to office for the first time, Tremblay was named minister of industry, commerce and technology. Tremblay has also established a strong and supportive relationship with the large number of Jewish constituents — including Chassidim — in his riding.

CJN reporter David Lazarus and editor Patricia Rucker spoke with Tremblay recently in his downtown Montreal office. The interview took place in English.

CJN: *Former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau recently suggested that Quebecers of Irish, Jewish or Vietnamese origin — even if fluently bilingual — would have trouble saying they belong to the province's "distinct society" and that the concept has racist overtones. How do you feel about those comments?*

Tremblay: All I can say is that tremendous efforts have been made by the other Canadian provinces and Quebec to come up with a Canada Clause (in the constitution) that is a modern clause. It clearly states that Quebec has always been and will always remain a French-speaking community, but open and very generous to other Quebecers. Progress has been made — we're recognizing the important contributions of other Quebecers to the economic development of Quebec. What we have to do fundamentally is create a proper environment for people to continue to work, to be happy in Quebec, and to maintain and better their quality of life.

The (Charlottetown) agreement is the best agreement that could have been negotiated, and will permit us to work closely with our Canadian partners on the real challenge of the future — replacing the word "constitution" with "competitiveness," to compete in global markets, to create jobs.

CJN: *What about the perception by some members of the cultural communities that, if your last name is Benchetrit, or Tran, or Goldberg, access to the province's power structure, including the public service, is much less open than if it's Gagnon or Gravel?*

Tremblay: The perception is wrong, but I can understand it . . . The contribution of other Quebecers to the development of Quebec has been long, very positive and instrumental. One of the reasons why there's a decline is because young members of families have left Quebec.

The Jewish community has fought to achieve what they have today. We, as francophones,(also) had to fight to achieve what we had. Today we must realize that we can't fight amongst ourselves. Our competitor is not in Quebec or in Canada, but somewhere else in the world. I think these considerations are becoming more and more important.

The minister responsible, (Treasury Board Minister) Daniel Johnson, who is also close to the Jewish community, has come out very clearly that all Quebecers are entitled to their place in the public service. Sure, we can say there are not enough representatives of, for example, the Jewish community, but I would like to see concrete examples of where a qualified member of the community has been turned down because he's not francophone. I think that would be totally unacceptable.

CJN: *At the date of this interview (Sept. 21), the latest poll on the referendum showed the No forces in Quebec ahead. Is defeat in the wind?*

Tremblay: I'm fairly confident that people will really realize what's at stake in this agreement and of what we have to do together to compete in global markets. That's what the population wants to know: "Am I going to work tomorrow? Am I going to have a job? Is the environment good for my family? And will I be able to do what I need to do to prosper in Quebec?" If you look at what I have said (in the National Assembly) as far as being in favor of this agreement, it's very clear.

CJN: *Do you see Premier Bourassa calling an election or stepping down if the referendum fails in Quebec?*

Tremblay: There's only one person who can answer that. It's Mr. Bourassa. I think the federal goverment will call an election before our provincial government will.

CJN: *At the time of this interview, the referendum debate apppeared to be getting down and dirty. What about the criticism Premier Bourassa has come under for "caving in"?*

Tremblay: Two comments. The first is that Mr. Bourassa made political choices. That's his responsibility. That's why he was elected. He looked at the overall picture and said, "This is what I believe, as premier of Quebec, should be done." In that sense, I think it's the best agreement that could have been negotiated given the circumstances.

The second comment is that we must discuss the agreement on the ideas, on the future of Quebec and Canada and Quebec in Canada. If we look at the global agreement — does it protect us as individuals? — we cannot be more protected than we are now, not just francophones and anglophones, but every community in Canada.

Does it (the agreement) hinder the economic development of Quebec or other Canadian provinces? The answer to that is no. What lies ahead is very, very positive if we do it together.

CJN: *The St. Jean Baptiste Society here came under fire recently for an ad containing dire warnings about a "free fall" in Montreal's francophone population. What was your reaction?*

Tremblay: All I can say is that to compete in global markets, we're going to require two languages, three languages, four languages. The French language is protected, and we must look at the future together and what is required to build a strong economy.

CJN: *You represent a riding with a significant Jewish population. Certainly you are aware that many are still upset over Bill 178, which used the notwithstanding clause to override a Supreme Court decision allowing bilingual commercial signs. Why should members of the community accept at face value that the province will live up to minority language guarantees in the Charlottetown accord?*

Tremblay: Mainly because of a lot of positive signals over the past several months. Certain ministers have been saying certain things that are positive for members of your community. Also, the notwithstanding clause has to be (reactivated) in December 1993.

We're not making any promises. We're just saying the timing now is very bad. If we do something, they're going to say we're doing it to have a Yes vote. But the point of (Jewish community) members who are upset about 178 is very clear, and as a government we have a decision to make. It's partly to create a proper climate.

CJN: *How does the Jewish community fit into the whole referendum equation? Is there a special role for it?*

Tremblay: It's a very important role. I had the opportunity to discuss it with a lot of members of your community and the time has come for everybody to speak out loud and clear. The fundamental message is: Can we, all Quebecers, build a strong economy? If we can do that, I am confident most of the youth that has left could come back to Quebec to contribute.

They've benefitted from education, from health and social services (in the province). I have signals that a lot of them would be willing to come back.

Do you think that for the parents of these children, that it's interesting to have spent most of their lives in Quebec — 30, 40, 50, 60 years — and have their children in Toronto and Vancouver? They're willing to come back, but the environment must be there.

CJN: *How dependent do you think their potential return is on approval of the Charlottetown accord in the referendum?*

Tremblay: I think the potential return is very linked to a Yes vote.

CJN: *Isn't French proficiency also part of the equation for potential returnees?*

Tremblay: The Jewish community, I think, is one of the communities to have integrated best in Quebec. The first generation might not have been bilingual, but I can assure you the second and third generation is bilingual.

Most of the youth who have left are all bilingual. So I think that's a plus. If you look at the opportunities that come with being perfectly bilingual, then there's no problem. A lot of my friends in the Jewish community are perfectly bilingual. I don't think that the language issue is a problem anymore. If some are not perfectly bilingual, the environment is such that they can work in Quebec, mainly in the Montreal area. But they will soon realize that it's in their best interest to learn French.

CJN: *What are the Jewish members within your own constituency telling you vis-à-vis Charlottetown and the referendum?*

Tremblay: That the time has come to decide. The ones I've spoken to are in favor of the Yes vote. They realize nothing is perfect, (but that the) agreement is positive.

CJN: *Has the coalition (of Jewish, Greek and Italian organizations) played a role in the constitutional process?*

Tremblay: The first role was to give us very important information on what their needs were, and what we had to do to make sure that they could prosper in a good environment.

The second role is that they made a declaration to the effect that they're going to be behind this (deal). It's got to be very clear, because we're not going to have a second chance at this.

CJN: *Do you see any potential backlash by nationalists against cultural communities for showing overall support for the deal?*

Tremblay: I don't think so.

CJN: *Mordecai Richler spoke at a Toronto synagogue recently and repeated his refrain about "Quebec for Quebecers" not including "Goldbergs," etc.*

Tremblay: Maybe I should go into synagogues outside Quebec to really explain the situation. In my riding, I have 40 different communities. Immigration here is important. (But) we want immigrants not to assimilate, but to integrate.

(Meanwhile), we will protect the French language. That's important. Everybody accepts that. Even members of your community said we don't have to change Bill 101. "We know the rules are clear when we come to Quebec. There is a majority of people that speak French and you want to protect the French language."

But your question on Bill 178. You're right on that (as a separate issue).

CJN: *Where do you see Quebec five years from now?*

Tremblay: As a major contributor in helping Canada become a world competitor. In that sense, everything we've been doing over the last 30 years, since the start of the Quiet Revolution, has been moving towards that.

(We want) a new social contract, industrial peace, mobility and flexibility of manpower, more information to the workers, total quality management and training.

A lot of Quebec companies are now partners with firms in Ontario and Alberta. I think that Candians are realizing now that Quebec is not only francophones trying to fight for survival . . . (but) Quebecers wanting to sign deals with partners in different provinces. Within the next five years, if we do it, Canada will be the most competitive country in the world.

CJN: *How will that relate to nationalist aspirations?*

Tremblay: Nationalist aspirations are saying: "Are we protected as far as our language, culture, civil code are concerned?"

The answer to that is yes. They would like to have more, but you have to look at it globally. Now they (nationalists) are starting to talk about the economy. With a Quebec unemployment rate of 13 per cent — 19 per cent of our youth and 40 per cent in certain communities — we have a major problem and we have to solve it.

CJN: *And where do you see yourself in five years?*

Tremblay: I got involved in politics mainly to contribute to the Liberal team of Robert Bourassa in building a strong economy, safeguarding the environment, and preparing our current and future manpower to compete in global markets.

I'll be in politics as long as I have a challenge. We have to address the fundamental issues and now we have the opportunity.

It's Yes or No. It (the accord) is not perfect. It's a compromise, but an honorable compromise. Very reasonable for everyone. It's a good deal to build on. We do not want a situation of constitutional crisis. (Quebec and foreign investors) want to know where they are going to invest their money. This agreement gives us the basis to start talking about these issues.

Canada

Halbert takes over UIA

TORONTO —

Dr. Gerry Halbert was unanimously elected the new national president of United Israel Appeal of Canada at UIA's annual meeting here last week.

Halbert replaces Julia Koschitzky, who served as national president since 1990.

"I could not have asked for a more momentous and exhilarating term of office. So much happened that the work was enough to keep a dozen presidents busy," remarked Koschitzky, who chaired the meeting.

She described her tenure as "incredible. So many earthshaking events took place: Operation Exodus and Operation Solomon, the crumbling of the Soviet empire, the ingathering of over 420,000 new immigrants to Israel ... and Canadian Jewry's response to these events was simply outstanding."

Koschitzky paid tribute to Walter Hess, the former executive director of UIA Canada who died last year. She expressed her confidence in Hess's replacement, Steve Ain.

The day-long meeting was addressed by UIA lay leaders, including Linda Nadolny-Cogon, chairman of UIA Canada's women's division, which raised over 18 percent of all funds.

Keynote speaker was Shira Herzog, director of the Kahanoff Foundation, who delivered an analysis of current Middle East dynamics.

In his remarks, Halbert stressed the need to ensure that both local Jewish communities and Israel receive their fair share of campaign dollars. He called on large and small communities in Canada to equally assume responsibilities in the campaign.

Gerry Halbert

A surprise highlight of the meeting was the appearance by 30 Toronto participants in last year's March of the Living trip to Poland and Israel.

In a moving presentation, the teenagers read stories and poems written by participants from Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Ottawa and Montreal.

The students sang *Flight to Life*, the Canadian theme song for the 1992 march, written by Toronto chaperone Robert Gasner.

Rosanne Ain was presented a special award for outstanding achievement for her efforts as Canadian chairman of the march.

CJC regions split over vote

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The national executive of Canadian Jewish Congress last weekend adopted a resolution putting the national organization officially behind the Yes forces in the upcoming national referendum.

The resolution was passed without a dissenting vote (though some representatives did not vote) after delegates from across the country reported on efforts in their regions to promote the Yes position.

Manitoba spokesman Israel Ludwig raised some eyebrows when he told the meeting that Congress in the prairie province hadn't pushed the Yes side because a high profile member of the Jewish community, who was a substantial contributor to the annual UJA campaign, had come out strongly in favor of the No side.

Working for the Yes side might affect future community funding, Ludwig said.

That remark later prompted a heated retort from David Satok of Toronto, who said he was shocked to hear that a community would tailor its activities on the basis of the views of "big givers."

Winnipegger Jonathan Kroft told the meeting that Manitobans have genuine reservations over elements of the Charlottetown Accord, including concerns over aboriginal rights and individual rights.

Renee Switzer Bellas

In other discussions, Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Ottawa gave a strong endorsement of Congress' position. Later, Alti Rodal, also of Ottawa, suggested a Yes vote might encourage the Parti Quebecois to push for a sovereignty referendum.

Hal Joffe of Calgary indicated that the community will host a forum which will showcase the arguments of both sides. But, he said, "we feel it is slightly presumptuous for us to tell people how to vote."

Vancouver delegate Renee Switzer Bellas said the Pacific region is preparing a community mailing of material outlining the Yes side and that the region's leadership is pushing the Yes side as the best way to keep the country together.

The strongest pitch to work for the Yes side came from Montrealer Max Bernard, chairman of Congress' national unity committee.

The choice facing voters "is the kind that Canada is famous for — a compromise," he said.

A Yes vote points the way down a road leading to economic excellence; a No vote leads to economic mediocrity, he suggested.

He warned that a No vote will not return Canada to the status quo, but it could lead to the separation of Quebec. He said the fundamental principles of the accord include democratic government and the rule of law; recognition of Quebec as a distinct society; recognition of aboriginal rights; equality of the sexes; racial and ethnic equality; and equality of the provinces, while recognizing their diverse characteristics.

"This is what Canada's all about, more or less," he said.

Uncertainty reigns over B.C. vote

By RON CSILLAG

VANCOUVER —

Although the Pacific region of Canadian Jewish Congress has formally approved its parent body's endorsement of the constitutional package, the vote among West Coast Jews in the Oct. 26 referendum may be nip and tuck.

The reasons? For one, British Columbia is shaping up as one of the major battlegrounds between the Yes and No camps. Western alienation, coupled with stiff resistance to Quebec's demands for more MPs and wider powers, have translated into a strong No camp in British Columbia. Premier Mike Harcourt has felt the wrath of a large chunk of his electorate for having supported the deal.

Another reason is that for years, B.C. Jews have tended to vote for the provincial Liberal party. Last month, in a move that stunned many, B.C. Liberal leader Gordon Wilson came out against the deal and urged his followers to vote No on Oct. 26. Like his Manitoba counterpart, Sharon Carstairs, Wilson's provincial Grits will be at odds with their federal party's stand.

So the campaign for the hearts and minds of the province's 25,000 Jews will be "a tough battle," concedes Bernardo Berdichewski, chairman of the Pacific region's ethnic relations and multicultural committee.

"We're leaning toward Yes, but the Liberals' decision may jeopardize that," Berdichewski told *The CJN*.

Missed voters can still cast ballot

TORONTO —

Those who were unavailable when enumerators registered voters between Oct. 2 and Oct. 7, but who want to cast a ballot in the Oct. 26 referendum, will have ample opportunity to ensure that they are on the list of eligible voters, a spokesman for Elections Canada said last week.

The enumeration days included Shabbat and Yom Kippur, leading to some concern that Jewish voters might be missed.

Carla Shore, media relations officer for Elections Canada, said enumerators who got no response when they canvassed a home were to leave a note indicating they would return for a second visit. If they missed the residents on both occasions, they were to leave a note indicating how to get in touch with the local Elections Canada office to ensure that the names of all those eligible to cast a ballot are included on the voter list.

Enumerators gathered four items of information necessary for voter registration: the proper spelling of the names of all voters; their ages; their gender; and their citizenship.

The deadline for getting on the voters' list is Oct. 19.

Enumerators who are Jewish were able to arrange a schedule with their returning officers that allowed them to observe Shabbat and Yom Kippur, she said.

Shore noted that standard practice during referendums is for enumeration periods to run from the 24th to the 19th day before polling. On this occasion, those dates happened to overlap with Shabbat and Yom Kippur, she said.

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אין 1932 האָבן די לינקע פועלי ציון, וואָס זיינען געווען די יונגסטע פאָליטישע גרופע אויף דער יידישער אַרבעטער גאָס, באַשלאָסן צו אָרגאַניזירן אַן אומאָפּהענגיקע פראַטערנאַלע אָרגאַניזאַציע, מיטן נאָמען „אינדעפענדענט אַרבעטער רינג".

באַלד ביים אָנהויב האָבן מיר אונטערגעשטראָכן, אַז הגם מיר זיינען אַ פראַטערנאַלע אָרגאַניזאַציע מיט אַלע בענעפיטן פאַר אונדזערע מיטגלידער, זיינען מיר אַן אידייאיש־פאָליטישע ריכטונג אין יידישן לעבן, וואָס נעמט אויף זיך גייסטיק־קולטורעלע התחייבותן לגבי די יידישע פאָלקס מאַסן אין די תפוצות, דער עיקר העלפן דער אָרגאַניזירטער אַרבעטערשאַפט אין מדינת ישראל.

דער אינדעפענדענט איז שנעל געוואָקסן צו אַן אָרגאַניזאַציע פון אייניקע הונדערט מיטגלידער. ביים סוף פון דער צווייטער וועלט־מלחמה זיינען געקומען קיין קאַנאַדע אַ גרויסע צאָל פון דער שארית הפליטה. מער ווי הונדערט פון זיי האָבן זיך אָנגעשלאָסן אַלס מיטגלידער פון „אינדעפענדענט". זיי האָבן זייער פיל בייגעטראָגן צו די אַקטיוויטעטן פון דער אָרגאַני־זאַציע אויף אַלע געביטן. פיל קרעדיט פאַר זייער קומען צו אונדז קומט דעם פאַרשטאָרבענעם מעקס פעדערמאַן.

צענדליקער יאָרן זיינען אונדזערע חברים געווען פון די בויער און אין דער אָנפירערשאַפט פון די נאָדל־פאַך יוניאָנס — די פאָריערס, שניידערס, קלאָוק־און־דרעסמאַכערס א.אַ. עס דאַרפן דאָ דערמאָנט ווערן די חברים: מעקס פעדערמאַן, הערי סיימאָן, די פינקעלשטיינס, י. דיזענהויז, א. מעגערמאַן, סעם ענגלענדער, שמואל גרין, י. גאָלדבאַך, וואָס האָבן פאַרדינט גרויס אָנערקענונג פאַר די אַקטיוויטעטן אין זייערע טרעיד יוניאָנס.

אין 1932 האָבן אונדזערע חברים אויך געגרינדעט די באָראָכאָוו שולע און קינדערגאָרטן. דאָס קאָפּיטל באָראָכאָוו שולע איז פון די שענסטע אין אונדזער געזעלשאַפטלעכן לעבן אין טאָראָנטאָ. אין די דרייסיקער יאָרן האָט זיך געפאָדערט אַ סך אידעאַליזם און מסירת נפש צו קענען אויפהאַלטן אַ יידישע שולע, וואו יידיש קינדער זאָלן קריגן אַ יידישע דערציאונג.

עס דאַרפן דאָ דערמאָנט ווערן די באַוואוסטע לערערס: משה מענאַכאָווסקי, שבתי ראַפאָפּאָרט, יוסף קליגמאַן, ש. סימכאָוויטש. הונדערטער קינדער האָבן גראַדואירט פון דער שולע. אַ סך פון זיי זיינען אויסגעוואָקסן אַלס וויכטיקע געזעלשאַפטלעכע טוערס. פיל האָבן געמאַכט עליה קיין ישראל. מיט אייניקע יאָרן צוריק האָט זיך די שולע פאַראייניקט מיט דער ביאַליק שולע, וואו אונדזערע חברים נעמען אַן אַקטיוון אנטייל אין דער אַרבעט פון „ביאַליק". וואָס איז איינע פון די שענסטע דערציערישע אינסטי־טוציעס ביי אונדז אין שטאָט.

אונדזערע חברים זיינען אויך אַקטיוו אינעם קאָנאַדער יידישן קאָנגרעס, פאַראייניקטן יידישן אָפּיל (יו.דזשיי.איי.), הסתדרות־קאַמפיין און אַנדערע אינסטיטוציעס.

אַ רייך קאָפּיטל איז אונדזער קולטור־אַרבעט אין טאָראָנטאָ. מיר זיינען געווען דער אָפּיציעלער אַדרעס פאַר יידישע שרייבערס. אַלע גדולים פון דער יידישער ליטעראַטור זיינען געווען אונדזערע געסט. אונדזער באַוועגונג האָט איינגעאָרדנט לעקציעס מיט פראָמינענטע יידישע שרייבערס. מיר זיינען אָנגע־שלאָסן אין דער יידישער קולטור־געזעלשאַפט, אין קאָמיטעט פאַר יידיש א.אָ.וו.

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Jews flocking to Israel from around the world

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Aliyah from the republics of the former Soviet Union rose by more than a third in September, fueling hopes that immigration is finally on the upswing.

September was, in fact, the best month for overall immigration to Israel this year, with a total of 7,585 newcomers arriving. That represents a 21 percent increase from August, when 6,281 people immigrated.

One of the biggest gains was in aliyah from North America, which reached a four-year high, with 418 immigrants arriving in September. That brought North American aliyah for the year to 1,449, a 43 percent increase over the same period last year.

There was also a large increase in immigration from India. A total of 113 Indian immigrants have arrived this year, a 30 percent increase over 1991.

Jewish Agency officials attributed the increased interest in aliyah among India's 6,000 Jews to the establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel earlier this year.

A total of 6,725 immigrants arrived here from the formerly Soviet republics, bringing immigration from that region for the year to 43,936, according to the Soviet Research Bureau of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry in New York.

The rise in aliyah is due in large part to political and economic tensions in the Soviet successor states, especially in the Muslim areas, according to Baruch Gur, head of the Jewish Agency's Soviet Jewry department.

"Due to ethnic tensions and the threat of war, more Jews are trying to leave the republics, and we have stepped up our efforts to get them out," he said.

Gur said the situation in the Muslim republic of Tajikistan is "almost at a state of anarchy, with fighting on the streets and people carrying weapons."

A direct flight carried Jews out of Tajikistan last week, and more are scheduled, he said.

The Jewish Agency official also spoke of tensions in Uzbekistan and the ongoing ethnic unrest in Azerbaijan. He said there is "growing fear in Georgia, where children are being kidnapped, and continuing problems in Moldova and Yugoslavia."

In the war-ravaged former Yugoslav republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the vast majority of Jews have been evacuated from the capital of Sarajevo, but a small number apparently remain and now wish to come to Israel.

A six-member delegation from the community spent Rosh Hashanah in Israel and met with Jewish Agency officials about further rescue efforts. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, meanwhile, is providing assistance to the community, in co-operation with the Jewish Agency.

Economic concerns have also played a role in the aliyah recovery, said Gur of the Jewish Agency. "We see increasing numbers of people making aliyah from small towns in Russia and the Ukraine, where things are quiet politically, but difficult economically."

Similarly, the poor state of the U.S. economy is said to be a leading factor behind the jump in aliyah from North America.

According to Akiva Werber, director of the North American section of the Jewish Agency, "the recession in the United States has motivated a lot of people to make aliyah. People are saving less money than they used to, and many professionals have lost their jobs. The financial security that kept them in the United States just isn't there anymore."

Werber stressed, however, that most North Americans consider aliyah for many years before taking the plunge.

"The vast majority of those who recently immigrated have wanted to try living in Israel for a long time. The bad economy and the growing crime rate in many cities have simply acted as a catalyst," he explained.

"For some of these immigrants," he added, "America is no longer the goldeneh medinah," the golden land.

September banner month

September was also a banner month for immigration of Jews from the former Soviet republics to the United States. According to the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society in New York, 6,073 arrived under the U.S. government's refugee program, bringing the total for the 1992 fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, to a record 46,870.

"What we experienced this fiscal year is part of the largest movement of Jewish refugees to this country since the passage of the National Origins Act of 1924," said Martin Kesselhaut, president of HIAS.

Here in Israel, immigration officials are optimistic that the steady rise in aliyah during the past few months is a trend that will continue.

Jewish Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz predicted that some 70,000 immigrants would arrive by the end of this year, and that as many as 120,000 would immigrate in 1993.

Name Game

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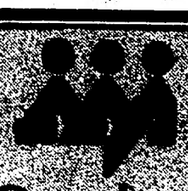

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Help for Yugoslav Jews

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Canadian Jewish Congress, in conjunction with the United Jewish Appeal, is approaching drug manufacturers and wholesalers for contributions of medicine and pharmaceuticals to be sent to the Jewish communities of Zagreb and Belgrade, a meeting of the organization's national executive was told recently.

The Jewish communities in the major cities of what was once Yugoslavia will distribute the medicines on a non-sectarian basis to whomever needs them, said Les Scheininger, Congress' immediate past president.

David Satok, chairman of community relations for Congress' Ontario region, said Congress hopes to enlist the support of the Canadian government when it comes time to ship the drugs to the Balkans.

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Israelis win China contract

TEL AVIV — Motorola Israel, a subsidiary of the giant U.S. electronic communications corporation, has won an international competition for design, provision and installation of a communications network for the People's Bank of China.

The Israeli company, which researches, designs and manufactures equipment for local and export sales and for its parent company, won the contract in competition with other firms throughout the world.

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Promoting investments

WASHINGTON — Israel is considering the establishment of an export tax-free zone in parts of the Negev to attract at least $500 million in American Jewish business investment in the area.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said that some two dozen American Jewish businessmen had promised to set up high-tech firms that would create 20,000 new jobs if such a zone were established. Shohat said he was assured that all the jobs in these firms would go to Israelis, except for three percent American executives.

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Iceland backs off probe

JERUSALEM — The government of Iceland has decided not to launch a full-scale investigation into the case of Edvald Henriksson, a Reykjavik citizen suspected of being Nazi war criminal Evald Mikson, according to the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Mikson served in the Estonian Security Police during World War II and is believed to have actively participated in the torture and murder of numerous citizens, most of them Jews, in 1941, according to Efraim Zuroff, director of the local office of the Wiesenthal Center.

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Infection kills three babies

JERUSALEM — A contaminated intravenous feeding solution was the source of the infection at the neonatal intensive care unit of a Beersheba hospital that has killed three premature infants, according to an internal hospital investigation.

The director of the neonatal intensive care unit, Dr. Ehud Zmora, said it was almost certain bacteria had somehow contaminated a bottle of the solution, used to feed the tiny babies in the unit. The contaminated bottle had been identified and destroyed, and procedures for preparing infusions for the infants had been improved to assure the incident was not repeated, Zmora said.

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Dutch crash not El Al's first

TEL AVIV — Contrary to earlier media reports, the crash of an El Al cargo jet outside Amsterdam was not the airline's first.

Forty-one years ago, some months after the national airline was established, an El Al plane crashed on a landing approach to Kloten airport in Zurich, Switzerland. The November 1951 disaster killed six of the seven crew members aboard.

El Al sources said there had never been any attempt to cover up the 1951 crash. "Nobody asked us about it," a spokesman said.

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Army service may be shortened

JERUSALEM — A committee is to recommend cutting the term of male military service from three to two-and-a-half years.

The committee, appointed around two months ago, is due to present its findings at the beginning of February to the head of the Israeli army's planning division.

The recommendation could be implemented from the beginning of January 1994, senior army sources said. A final decision, however, will be made only after a thorough study of the committee's report.

Synagogues full

JERUSALEM — The throngs that descended on the Western Wall for Yom Kippur prayers were smaller than usual, apparently because of the severe heat, according to Rabbi Yehuda Meir Getz, the rabbi of the wall, as temperatures soared in to the mid-eighties.

Elsewhere in Jerusalem, however, synagogues were filled to overflowing, religious council officials said. In some neighborhoods, particularly the capital's newer areas, prayers were held in schools and shelters, as synagogues could not accommodate all the worshippers, the officials said.

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Jewish voters key to elections

NEW YORK — A massive mobilization effort to get out the American Jewish vote has registered almost a quarter million new voters, increasing the number of eligible Jewish voters by close to 10 percent.

The added electoral weight could prove decisive in states such as California, Illinois, New York and Florida, which control the many votes in the electoral college and also have large Jewish populations, political analysts say.

The nationwide registration drive, sponsored by the Synagogue Council of America, was launched September 20 with a one-day door-to-door blitz by more than 50,000 Jewish volunteers.

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Protest escalates

JERUSALEM — Protests surrounding an 11-day hunger strike by Palestinian security prisoners sharply escalated last week. Dozens of casualties were reported during mass solidarity protests in the Gaza Strip, and thousands of prisoners and students also announced their participation in the strike.

Official military sources said there were at least 12 reported injuries, all but one slight, when troops dispersed demonstrators after stones were thrown.

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Intifada called 'dead'

JERUSALEM — "The intifada is dead," Brig.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon, commander of the army forces in West Bank said last week.

"The intifada is dead, mainly because of the change in the army's operating methods," Ya'alon said. "I don't think the Palestinian side would have entered the peace process if they had succeeded in bending us. Then, we would have arrived at the peace process crawling on all fours."

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Aloni again in hot water

JERUSALEM — Education Minister Shulamit Aloni appears to be in hot water with Israel's religious parties again. Now the complaint is that she worked on Saturday and ate in non-kosher restaurants during a recent trip to Europe.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had hardly recovered from a crisis Aloni triggered with his Shas coalition partners when the National Religious Party said he should tell her "to stop shaming Israel by desecrating the Sabbath."

Shas is still upset over a series of controversial remarks Aloni made last month when she said Israel's non-Orthodox schoolchildren were being "force-fed" the biblical account of creation. She also called for the removal of references to God in a memorial prayer for the dead.

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Magazine retracts tip

NEW YORK — Inc. magazine has decided to retract an article that suggested how a company could avoid hiring workers who take time off for religious holidays.

The article first appeared last year, but it received attention after being reprinted by New York Telephone Co. and sent to nearly 200,000 small businesses.

The article was entitled, Questions You'd Love to Ask a Job Prospect — But Can't.

One such question, said the article, was "Will you be taking time off from work to observe Passover?"

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China may get kosher food

TEL AVIV — The lack of kosher food in Beijing may soon be solved, according to Shen Jian Xiang, director of the official China International Travel Service in Tel Aviv.

He said that several investors in Israel and elsewhere had expressed an interest in establishing a kosher restaurant in Beijing, to serve not only observant Israelis now beginning to visit China but also the needs of the many Jews worldwide travelling to China.

Front Line

Rabin appears to be keeping his cards close to his chest

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

The talks in Washington will resume next week, go on until the 28th, rest for the week of the American elections and then continue for another three weeks. An attempt to draw, at this point, wide-ranging conclusions as to their further progress is hazardous speculation. But a preliminary survey may be in order.

When Yitzhak Rabin became Israel's new prime minister less than 100 days ago and gave the peace process a fresh start, he promised to reach an agreement for Palestinian autonomy within one year. He may still succeed in doing so, although his efforts in this direction, the few confidence-building measures which he initiated as well as the somewhat less dogmatic stand vis a vis the PLO, have so far not affected the political fragility of the disoriented Palestinian negotiating team.

From that point on, a change in tactics — a thorough testing of the Syrian intentions — became a natural next step. When the last round of talks ended before Rosh Hashanah, the Syrians, prompted by the change in atmospherics and no less by American and Egyptian pressures, finally uttered publicly the magic words of "full peace," albeit for "full withdrawal." This marked a interesting development in the Syrian position, which has been, for more than 40 years, presented in the most extreme terms. The obvious questions — how much credibility such an apparent reversal of Syrian rhetoric deserved and what concessions on the Israeli side of the ceasefire lines on the Golan it should suggest — cannot be answered for the time being. But it can be said that it took Israel by surprise. The internal debate in Israel on the destiny of the Golan and its Jewish settlements has already started and is likely to accelerate in the weeks ahead. It will focus on two principal aspects: on the security role of the Golan Heights and on the political and human aspects of the Jewish settlements there.

In a recent interview, Israel's chief of staff General Ehud Barak was asked if the full territory of the Golan Heights was essential for Israel's security. Yes, he said, "for as long as between us and the Syrians the situation of the last 25 years continues." Is strategic depth important? was the next question. Yes, replied Barak, "as long as the risk of war is real." These two professional statements of the man in charge of the IDF, and particularly the twice-employed priviso "as long" were interpreted as indicating that if the present Syrian-Israeli relationship were to change from one of military confrontation into one of peaceful co-existence, the Golan Heights would not be as essential to Israel's defence as they are now.

Yeshayahu Anug

But, security aspects apart, there is the delicate political and human problem of the settlements and of the 14,000 settlers. These people, although naturally very attached to their homes of the last 25 years, are politically less motivated than many of those who live in the West Bank and Gaza. The Golan lacks the historical and emotional appeal of the other territories. Most of the Golan settlers belong to the so-called "peace-camp" and only three months ago voted massively for Rabin. During the campaign Rabin promised to stand for the retention of the Golan. He even used a famous formula reminiscent of the one uttered 20 years ago by the late Moshe Dayan, who had said that he prefers Sharm-a-Sheikh without peace to peace without Sharm-a-Sheikh. . . .

Is Rabin now ready to act on the Golan exactly as Dayan did years later, when he advocated the return of all of Sinai to Egypt for peace? Probably not. Rabin is, unlike Dayan, not a man of radical reversals, but one of patient pragmatism. it stands to reason that his solution for the Golan and for the application of the "peace for territories" principle on the Heights is to be gradual and monitored. Now, that he has asked for and has — quite surprisingly — obtained a Syrian pronouncement for "total peace," he may well narrow his demands for full peace and want to settle, as a start, for partial peace in exchange for partial withdrawal. Thus an evolving symmetry between mutual concessions could be put in motion, a process that could take years to culminate, or stop somewhere on the road.

Between 1974-1977 as prime minister, Rabin was inexperienced and tentative in his leadership. The years of opposition and the interval as minister of defence in the national unity government with Likud were years of frustration and hesitation. Before the intifada, he had ignored the problem of the Palestinians and his handling of the upheaval was both irritating and ineffective. He then had time to revise his attitudes and when he was returned to power in June this year, he was determined to change course and make Palestinian autonomy his first priority. His short-range agenda covers the four years of his government's tenure. Palestinian autonomy was to be established during the first year. The remaining three years were to be used to soften the relationship between Israel and that new transitional entity and paved the way for the negotiation of a permanent solution as prescribed by the Camp David accords.

At that distant point in time, by 1996, if everything went according to plan, the next general elections would be held under the new law, whereby the election of the prime minister would be by direct popular vote. This would give Rabin the mandate to negotiate a final settlement of the Palestinian issue.

There is no indication that the present emphasis on the Syrian sector of the peace negotiations has completely derailed Rabin from this original course. The sudden prominence of the Syrian-Israeli negotiations is the result, as we pointed out earlier, of the present disarray in the Palestinian camp, which has no authoritative spokesmen and was anything but ready for serious bargaining. Furthermore, in the territories, opposition to any type of peace-talks with Israel is getting stronger. It is unlikely that Rabin aims now at a separate deal with Syria, that is, to repeat an attempt like Menachem Begin's in Camp David to gain perpetual Israeli rule in the administered territories for the return of Sinai to Egypt. Rabin is too realistic to entertain such illusions. He also knows that Begin's policy was extremely costly for Israel and has failed.

For the first time in Israel's long record of diplomatic leaks, very little is known about the real stand of the present peace-negotiations. Rabin has, so far, kept his cards very close to his chest. But he has lately said repeatedly, that only a meeting with President Assad of Syria could break the ice.

Does he, who remembers the magic impact of the Sadat-Begin encounter of 1977, count on a similar psychological breakthrough? Could embattled U.S. President George Bush produce such a coup even before Nov. 3? Or shall we know more about such and other prospects only after we see whom the American voters will send to White House and whether the one remaining superpower will start functioning again?

Trivia, anecdotes provide interesting view of Israel

By CARL ALPERT

The headlines don't always tell the whole story. There's another Israel as well, an Israel of human interest, of anecdotes, of the unusual and the unexpected. Even trivia can reflect an important side of life in the country. For example:

Mama's cooking too — A Jerusalem monthly lists restaurants under such categories as Arabic/Oriental, Argentinian, Chinese, Dairy, Deli, Ethiopian, French, Hungarian, International, Israeli and Moroccan, Italian, Yemenite, and also lists a restaurant under Jewish.

Keeping Poland dry — A survey of 14 different brands of disposable diapers sold in Poland gave highest score to Tanfukim, a brand made by Kibbutz Amir, beating out the American giant P & G. Tanfukim exports to Poland last year totalled $3.5 million, it is reported by *Israel Business Today*.

Food packages to Russia — Successfully absorbed Russian immigrants here are patrons of a new service which sends packages of meat, chicken, salami and frankfurters to their families in the former Soviet Union.

Confessions of an interpreter — Miriam Schlesinger, generally regarded as Israel's most competent interpreter, reports on dilemmas she sometimes faces, not in finding the right word in a hurry, but when the speaker makes an obvious error. For example, he gives a quotation which he ascribes to Shakespeare, whereas she knows it is from Dickens.

Improving parliamentary service — In response to constant complaints that the three elevators serving the Knesset building were insufficient for the demands made upon them, a fourth elevator was recently installed at a cost of 100,000 shekels. It is now guaranteed that tea and coffee delivered to the offices daily, will reach the upper floors while still hot.

Post-election recollection — In the 1977 elections, candidate Shmuel Flato-Sharon, alleged swindler wanted by the French police, got himself elected to the Knesset as head of a one-man party, thereby obtaining immunity from extradition. At the time, he reeceived 35,049 votes, 1,102 votes more than Arik Sharon, then making his first independent bid for the Knesset.

Guess why the reticence — Thirty-five Palestinian physicians from the Gaza Strip completed a two-semester refresher course in medical sciences at Ben Gurion University. Photographers covering the graduation ceremony were advised that "most of the graduates do not wish to be identified, and will refuse to be photographed."

Rabin and Peres make up — The daily *Yediot Ahronot* praised Rabin for his treatment of Shimon Peres, and his realization that, handled carefully, Peres as Foreign Minister could be nothing but an asset to the Rabin administration. However, for this to work, the paper said, both sides have to bury the hatchet — but not in each other.

What happens to this Likud legacy? — A committee appointed by the previous government had recommended that Israel set up a legal system of betting on horse races. To begin with, the wagers would be placed on races overseas, but once the system was working, horse racing would be introduced here — all as a source of government income, of course.

Meet the treasurer — Avraham (Beige) Shohat, new Minister of Finance, is a graduate of the Technion in Civil Engineering. He married the daughter of the late Levi Eshkol, entered politics and became Mayor of Arad. In his last campaign there he won 80 percent of the votes cast.

Letters are delivered on time, too — The Israel Postal Authority had an operational profit of 327 million shekels in 1991.

Sukkot survey answers the important questions

By ALLAN GOULD

Surveys, surveys, surveys. Who are you voting for? Who are you voting against? (Or, for the really obnoxious, WHOM are you voting for? Or, even worse — FOR WHOM are you voting?)

The same with housing. We've all gone through it: Some underpaid, overworked (un)civil servant comes to our door, and asks us: How Many Rooms Do You Have in Your Home? How Many Bathrooms? (And, more relevantly, How Do You Get Your Lousy Teenager out of the Bathroom?)

But never before this Sukkot, dear reader, has there been a major, international, specifically Jewish survey of your typical, average sukkah builder and his sukkah. Nu, here it is.

Vital Statistics: The typical, average sukkah builder is a Jewish male, between the ages of 24 and 120, who could not have put it up without his wife's assistance. (Indeed, several rabbis have suggested that the reason why the Jews wandered for 40 years in the deseret — living in sukkot, now that we think of it — was because none of the men were willing to ask for directions.)

The expenses incurred: The typical, average builder spent between $5 and $780 to build his sukkah. The former is good with his hands; the latter had to buy some kind of pre-fabricated kind (the best-selling one, apparently, is the "Suzuki Sukki," out of Japan, which holds only one person, but can be electronically expanded to hold one dozen slim Japanese Jews or three average, North American Jews).

Schach costs ranged from free (cutting branches from one's own trees) to over $35,000 (cutting branches from one's neighbor's tree without asking the neighbor's permission, and getting sued royally), to one extraordinary expense of over $60,000 (from one ostentatious Beverly Hills Jewish family, who decided to make the roof of their massive sukkah entirely out of lulavs, with hundreds of perfectly ripe esrogs hanging as decorations).

Allan Gould

Mortgages: There were no known mortgages on any sukkah, since all of them are taken down after Simchat Torah. However, hundreds of homeless people invaded several sukkot in a nameless city in the United States last year, leading to more convenient minyans, but a disagreeable situation at mealtimes.

Detached or semi-detached? Some 68 percent of Sukkot were fully single and detached, although 19 percent were found to be semi-detached, with one wall missing, and thus depending upon the neighboring house for survival. Not a single mobile-sukkah was discovered, but with the ever-enterprising Lubavitch communities around the world, this will probably soon change.

Heating: Few sukkot were found to have any heating at all, although some 15 percent brought in electric heaters. Dozens of sukkah dwellers across Canada were discovered to be heating their sukkah with the short, staccato breathing of their freezing families, and at least three set fire to the *schach* roofing of their sukkot in a self-destructive attempt to create some heat, leading to near tragedy in two of the cases.

Plumbing: Not a single sukkah had indoor plumbing. We weren't even going to include this one, but my teenagers insisted.

Need for repair: Fully 100 percent of all sukkot around the world needed some kind of repair by the end of the holiday. Most had lost their roofs (all or part); most had lost at least one wall; most of their owners had lost their tempers. Comments from owners of sukkot included, "This is no way for a Jew to live all year 'round'; "We didn't really mind it for 40 years in the desert where it was warmer;" and "Yes, we do still plan to do it again next year."

Possessions: Shockingly, considering the middle-to-upper-class economic situation of 65 percent of North American Jews, not a single sukkah was found to have a VCR, a compact disc player, an automatic dishwasher, an air conditioner, a computer, or even cable. Indeed, 88 percent of owners (100 percent of those with teenagers) noted how pleasurable it was not to have a telephone, either.

Eating out: Fully 100 percent of all sukkah dwellers explained to our professional canvassers that the whole *point* of having a sukkah was to eat *in*.

Eating in: Nineteen percent of all those interviewed felt that Chicken Soup With Tinsel and Falling Gourd was their favorite food to eat in their sukkah; 43 percent insisted Chicken With Chunks of Leaves and Branches was their favorite; 10 percent expressed the opinion that Pareve Ice Cream With Rosh Hashanah Cards and Pieces of Posters was the biggest treat. Only 4 percent (all of them Canadian) found Kugel With Icicle Sticks to be most memorable.

In conclusion: As you can see, building a sukkah remains an important part of the traditional Jewish ritual to this day, some 3,500 years after the first ones were built. We are proud to bring you this survey, and hope that *all* readers will feel free to send in a self-addressed, stamped envelope to this newspaper's address, if they wish to have our recipe for Chicken With Chunks of Leaves and Branches. (We had hoped to obtain for 5753 the delicious, Canadian favorite, Kugel with Icicle Sticks, but the woman who thought up the recipe is still in the hospital from her injuries received from gathering the information. We're sure that you all join us in wishing her a refuah shleima.)

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Religion on the airwaves

In May of this year the CRTC, Canada's broadcast regulator, sought public input in order to determine if Canada's policy on religious broadcasting ought to be changed. The inquiry was triggered, in part, by the decision taken earlier this year by the CRTC to stop several unlicensed western Canadian television stations from broadcasting American programs with an evangelical message.

More than 2,000 submissioins on the question were received at CRTC headquarters and on the week of Oct. 19 hearings will begin to help the agency frame a policy that will address some of the pressure points which result from a far more aggressive religious constituency in Canada.

The current CRTC policy mandates radio and television outlets to present matters of public concern in a fair and equitable way. As Glenn Cooper, co-ordinator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, notes (London Free Press, Sept. 26) "Broadcasters are required by law to provide a variety of points of view, reflecting the Canadian principle of respect for all people."

To those who would argue that religious broadcasting is a special case and should not come under the current rules, Cooper responds that rules regarding balanced treatment have to be "applied even more scrupulously where beliefs can lead to rivalry and even to warfare."

The Jewish community, which has frequently been victimized by an uncongenial and caricatured interpretation of Judaism within the area of religious discourse, would certainly support Cooper's plea for the status quo in religious broadcasting. He is undoubtedly correct when he warns that the licensing of broadcasting outlets without the balance requirement would lead inevitably to public polemics on religious differences.

Canada is now a multicultural mosaic with people who have diverse religious beliefs. Canada's current broadcasting policy fosters respect for differences of faith because it emphasizes the fairness doctrine. To abandon that policy would open up a Pandora's box of religious rivalries and destroy, as Cooper observes, "the peaceful co-existence of a variety of religious traditions in Canada."

Narrow vision

The radical Muslim fundamentalist government in Iran remembers nothing and has learned nothing from its eight- year disastrous war with Iraq. During that bloody encounter the Iranians are estimated to have lost almost half a million soldiers, many of them children impressed into service in the last desperate period of the conflict.

One would have thought that at war's end the Iranians would have welcomed the opportunity to re-build the economic infrastructure of their society and reduce their religious zealotry in the interest of promoting a more stable atmosphere in their part of the world.

Alas, this has not come to pass. The current regime in Teheran continues to promote the same narrow vision of Islam which the Ayatollah Khomeini incarnated during his period of leadership and which culminated in the odious fatwa (religious decree) calling for the murder of Salman Rushdie.

That same kind of thinking animates the current Iranian drive to acquire a gigantic arsenal of weaponry, an exercise which began in 1988 in the closing days of the war with Iraq and which now in 1992 continues unabated. Currently the Teheran regime has committed more than $7 billion to acquire arms.

Aided by the oil revenues which have increased greatly since Iraq's forced withdrawal from international markets, the Iranians have been flooding China, North Korea, Russia and France with monies designed to bring it everything from jet fighters to nuclear technology. The Iranians have been so profligate in their spending for weapons that some observers suspect that they have overstretched themselves and will be unable to honor their debt commitments.

What is especially disquieting about the Iranian search for arms is the suspicion that the creation of a nuclear device is among their targets. French and Saudi officials have voiced great concern about the prospects of Iranian nuclearization. Teheran's denials do little to assuage the West's fears in this regard.

A scant two years after the debacle of the Gulf War, another state in the region is trying to replicate the arms acquisition policies that Saddam Hussein made famous. It would be the apogee of tragedy if the current Iranian leadership brings its people to the same melancholic status as that which now assails the Iraqis.

"NACHAS"
BY MIRIAM LANAIL
I'LL PASS BY ON MY WAY TO WORK, MA.
PUFF
PUFF
ABOUT MY TEST RESULTS, DOCTOR...?
PUFF
I MAY BE A LITTLE LATE FOR OUR MEETING, ROGER.
YES, THE CHECK IS REALLY IN THE MAIL.
PUFF
PUFF
HOUSE OF DENIM? DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FOR OUR BAZAAR?
MANDY, I'LL PICK YOU UP FROM THE DENTIST AT 4:00 P.M.
FOURTH FOR BRIDGE? TONIGHT? WELL... I... UM..
WHEW, TOUGH WORKOUT!
Miriam LANAIL © '92

Letters to the Editor

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RELEASE POLLARD NOW

As Jews gather together in synagogues around the world during the High Holy Days of 5753, my brother, Jonathan Pollard, will once again be alone in solitary confinement. It is time to bring an end to his senseless suffering.

There is now an emerging consensus within the Jewish community demanding the long overdue termination of the gross miscarriage of justice in my brother's case. This consensus has been achieved largely through efforts of rabbis and their rabbinical groups and associations, cutting across the entire spectrum of the Jewish community. The latest major group to join in this call for justice is the B'nai B'rith International which urged President Bush to commute Jonathan's sentence.

The upcoming couple of months present a window of opportunity that has not existed before and may not be available again any time soon. Accepting this sense of urgency, I can think of no better time for mobilizing Jews than at this time of the year during the High Holy Days. I therefore urge you to help spread a special message during this period to your rabbis and fellow congregants: urge them to mobilize to help bring about Jonathan's freedom.

Carol Pollard
New Haven, Ct.

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DISABLED ARE IGNORED

I am taking the liberty to comment on the "agreement" regarding the new constitution of our country Canada.

The present deal on the constitution excludes the rights of women and does not establish the rights of the disabled, the handicapped.

The women's movement is very strong, has cerebral as well as financial resources at disposal to fight, to defend themselves. But who will defend, protect, fight for the disabled, the handicapped?

Will the disabled/handicapped be further dehumanized by depending on social service agencies with their social workers of ivory-tower mentality?

Will the disabled/handicapped have to go to court every time to re-establish, to prove that they are human beings, entitled to rights just like all other citizens?

The outcome of such costly legal ordeals depend entirely on the attitudes, the goodwill of judges.

The untold sufferings of the disabled/handicapped and their families are never heard; these do not make interesting headlines. These groups of people are the poorest, most exploited, and no one gives a hoot what happens to them.

Martha Klein
Montreal

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CHARGE ZUNDEL AGAIN

I fully support the recent efforts of the Canadian Jewish Congress to charge Zundel with spreading more hate and lies against the Jewish people and continuing his outageous denial of the Holocaust. Attorney General Howard Hampton should act fast and firmly in laying criminal charges against Zundel. Unfortunately, since Zundel is still free, he can and will continue spreading his Nazi/racist propaganda which targets all Jews as well as all people of color. This time, Zundel must not only be charged and convicted, but be subjected to a very stiff sentence which I hope includes immediate deportation to Germany. After all, he's not even a Canadian citizen.

It was very difficult for me to remain calm while seeing TV images of Zundel's racist goon squad giving the stiff-arm Nazi salute shortly after the Supreme Court decision. Another conviction and sentence can't happen fast enough and it better be final!

Don Weitz
Toronto

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OUTMODED THINKING

Harriet Reisler's attempt at defending school trustee Mae Waese for her opposition to day school funding is both skewed and disturbing. (CJN, Oct. 1)

Her suggestion that as Jews we do not have the right to expect Jewish politicians to be sensitive to our concerns smacks of an historic form of Jewish paranoia that most of us left behind in the shtetls of Europe.

Mae Waese, a member of the Jewish community and chair of the Metro Board of Education, has publicly positioned herself against what can only be described as the overwhelming numbers of Ontario Jews who support funding of Jewish day schools. Usually politicians are voted into office to help reflect the concerns of their ward or constituency. Ms. Waese is either blind or is unwilling to accept the fact that the Jewish voters in her ward who make up a very large percentage, want government day school funding.

In the past, we have been unable to convince non-Jewish politicians as to the needs of our community in this matter. Many of us felt that if we were to elect Jewish political representatives, they would have a keener understanding of this need.

While I respect Ms. Reisler's right to defend Mae Waese, she should also respect my right to vote in a manner that best meets the needs of my community and my family.

A. Bruce Gilboord
Toronto

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UQAM FACULTY

In an Oct. 1 article on the future of Jews in Montreal, I am quoted as saying: "All of my colleagues then were born somewhere else." A more accurate statement would have been: "Many of my colleagues (11 out of 20) were not French Canadians and nearly all of them had degrees from outside Canada (17 out of 20)."

Julien Bauer
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Don't worry, fret, frown or panic. J.B. Salsberg will return to his regular spot next week.

Opinion

A disturbing look at today's teenagers

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

On Jewish chutzpah. I recently read a trenchant observation by Rabbi Jack Riemer, which goes as follows:

I must tell you that I marvel each year at the naivete and the chutzpah of those people who come into the synagogue on the Days of Awe without a moment of preparation, who have let their praying muscles lie unused for a whole year, who sit back and say to those on the bimah: "move me," "inspire me," "make me feel something." These people are bound to come out of the service feeling disappointed, for nothing serious, nothing sacred, can ever take place without preparation. A wedding takes only half an hour, and yet people plan it and go over every detail for months in advance. A marathon takes only a day, but no one would think of entering one without enormous practice first. The Days of Awe are in some ways like a wedding and in some ways like a marathon, and therefore anyone who wants to derive anything from them has to prepare.

Teen Trends. Not long ago I read in the *Globe & Mail* a review of Reginald Bibby and Donald Posterski's book, *Teen Trends, A Nation in Motion* a detailed look at Canadian young people between 15 and 19 years of age.

Rabbi Plaut

The book, we were told, found young people more and more Americanized, and I must frankly say that I was shocked to learn that George Bush is their favorite politician. But even more shocked was I to find that the values which I had learned as a teenager and which were a centrepiece of our High Holy Day liturgy are being denigrated by and by.

Cleanliness may be next to godliness, and like it, is having an increasingly difficult time. Six years ago 79 percent of young people thought it was very important, but today the percentage is going down. And this at a time of hygienic awareness!

But more disturbing: honesty is considered very important by only 70 percent, when eight years ago the figure was still 85 percent.

And so it is all the way through, with the characteristics we thought to be the hallmarks of decent behavior: integrity and generosity, along with a spirit of forgiveness, to say nothing of working hard.

The latter attributes have sunk below the 50 percent level, which says much about our society. On the whole, the adults still profess that these things are very important to them, certainly more so than to their offspring. But even their scores are going down year by year. Measured by the old scale on which I was brought up, the youngsters are ahead in only one category: forgiveness, which may give hope but, then, may be due to young people's more relativistic approach of life in general.

To be sure, it is in the nature of being young to be a rebel, to be Nietzschean in one's approach to life. In my day it was said that if you had not been a radical at 18 you would never amount to anything. I am not sure what has taken the place of this adage in our day, perhaps it is still the same, only more so.

So my post-Yom-Kippur nostalgia is suffused with worry about our future. Our young people are less attentive to our tradition and to all traditions. There probably were fewer of them in the synagogues during these holidays. I hope it is one of those ups and downs in one way or another that have always occurred in history.

On a Positive Note: Despite all the problems we face, we have always been and remain an optimistic people. As long as we know who we are and that as a people we are bound to the Great Mystery we call God, we have a future. But what that future will be, depends on us.

We're being worn down into voting Yes

By ELAINE KAHN

Warning: this is a column about the referendum. If, like my daughters, your gag reflex has automatically kicked in, turn the page.

I'm writing this only because I'm allegedly a commentator and have a duty to write about what is supposedly the most important issue in my country today. We all know the most important issue is actually the economy, but let's pretend, as our politicians have for the past three years, that it's not.

The only thing I'm certain of in this constitutional debate is that we're being worn down into a Yes vote, being bored into it, just to make this constitutional thing (and Quebec) go away for a few years.

It doesn't make me proud to be a Canadian, it certainly isn't inspiring, the way such an important thing should be (as it was in 1982, when the Constitution was repatriated, or the way, from this distance at least, the fight for a constitution in Israel seems to be).

Past that, everything is confusion. People I admire, both "idols" and friends, yawn on both sides of the issue. So do groups that claim to represent me.

The National Action Council on the Status of Women, which I don't often agree with lately, says No. Canadian Jewish Congress says Yes (as of this writing, so do many other major ethnic "umbrellas," which I'm sure has as much to do with being seen as "loyal" Canadians than with the Charlottetown agreement itself — according to Andrew Cardozo, from executive director of the Canadian Ethnicultural Council, it's a bad deal for us "ethnics").

When I was in university in the early '70s, a notoriously racist professor was once prevented from giving a public lecture there. I had a Canadian economic history class that day — my professor walked into the room, said class was suspended until free speech was again guaranteed on campus, and walked out.

Elaine Kahn

At no other time in my whole university career did a professor let the world intrude so directly into the ivory tower. Although I was glad the racist had been thwarted, I greatly admired what my professor did and have followed his career avidly since then.

In a recent newspaper article, he told us all to vote No.

I've been thinking all day about the referendum, but all that comes through is Bobby Gimby's *C-A-N-A-D-A* song of 25 years ago, the unofficial national anthem that centennial year.

When I think of 1967, I remember being so excited, even prouder than usual to be Canadian, feeling as if we really were on the brink of the Canadian century (odd to remember that, in 1967, Pierre Trudeau was merely justice minister, albeit already stirring things up with fight to decriminalize homosexuality).

I loved the young new flag (and didn't know it offended people in much of Canada, because the maple isn't found in every region). Canada's "French fact" thrilled me (my deep sympathies with Quebec nationalism didn't die until the sign laws).

There was a feeling in the air that Canlit was about to happen, which, as a nascent 14-year-old writer, was truly exciting. I discovered the joys of Mordecai Richler about that time — not only a Canadian writer, and a very funny, daring one, but a Jew, too.

Richler has said, essentially, that we should pretend Charlottetown is a coherent deal and put ourselves out of our misery by voting Yes.

We have to do a lot of pretending these days.

We have to pretend we're voting on Canadian unity, when in fact we're voting on whether to allow our leaders to continue to negotiate unknown constitutional changes on the basis of their Aug. 28 agreement, whatever *that* is.

We have to pretend this is an informed intelligent way to decide the fundamentals of a country.

We have to pretend we believe this chance to vote means our politicians are actually listening to us (funny how, when we shout "jobs," they hear "constitution"), knowing all along that what they should have done is call a federal election, not this non-binding referendum, on both this issue and free trade.

And some of us go to great lengths to pretend that what Trudeau says no longer matters.

I have friends and relatives whose political views, at some point in their lives, became stuck in orbit around one figure — figures like FDR, JFK and Ben-Gurion. No matter what facts about these men have since come to light, these people remain mesmerized. I am, for better or worse, still very interested in whatever Trudeau has to say and am apt to be influenced by him.

It has less to do with the fact he's brainy and a dead ringer for my father (and Martin Short) than with the fact that, whatever else I dislike about him, he's the only political figure in my politically conscious lifetime who ever articulated a coherent passionate national vision for the country I love dearly.

Trudeau has indicated we should vote No (surprise, surprise!).

In the end, though, I've been struck less by what Trudeau has to say than by the reaction of others. Many call him a dinosaur, whose outdated views are listened to by no one (Jean Chretien even pathetically reminds us that he's the Liberal leader now — but surely that's Sheila Copps?). We're supposed to pretend that, were Trudeau saying Yes, that faction wouldn't wear him out on the promotion circuit.

I want Canada to survive (and my Canada, you should pardon the expression, includes Quebec). But I may not know until I get into the voting booth where I'm going to put my mark.

I strongly believe in delegating responsibility, but I've never gotten past my Meech fears that giving a lot more power to the provinces just makes each of them easier to sell to the United States. This fear is reinforced by the coincidence of this decentralization principle coming at the same time as the free trade agreement. And there's not a single sitting politician I trust on this anymore — I think they're just as bored as we are.

But I *will* vote. For surely the most depressing prospect for any patriotic Canadian is not a win by Yes or No, but by apathy.

Sukkot the time to expand guest list

By CARL ALPERT

We are fortunate that there is ample space for a sukkah on our large open-air terrace which is perched over the edge of Mt. Carmel and overlooks the classical panoramas of Haifa and the Galilee hills beyond. The prefabricated sukkah walls are easily assembled, and thanks to our neighbors, the Levys, we have an ample supply of broad palm fronds to create the roof which not only meets all requirements, but also adds the necessary aesthetic touch.

In recent years we have broadened that part of the sukkah ritual which calls for extending an invitation to Biblical characters to join us in the gaily decorated booth. "Enter, exalted guests," the prayer begins, and in turn a cast of personalities ranging from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to Moses, Aaron and David are invited to share our hospitality. The procedure is known as *Ushpizin*.

But we take liberties with the formula and dispatch our invitations to other personalities as well — people we have often wished to meet. What better opportunity than this to have them seated around our table, affording an opportunity to engage them in conversation.

Our list this year is varied. It begins with one of the philosophers of the Labor Zionist movement, A. D. Gordon, who early at the turn of the century established the principle that the Jewish homeland should be built with the brawn and the sweat of Jewish workmen. He spoke of the "dignity of labor."

We would have liked to hear his comments on today's reality — in which much of the physical work involved in building a state, from construction of homes to paving of roads to garbage collection, is being performed not by Jews, but by Arabs. What would A. D. Gordon have to say?

"Enter, exalted guest," we proclaim, and summon up the spirit of Max Nordau, one of the true visionaries of the early Zionist movement. It was Nordau who, in the years immediately following World War I, issued his challenging call to the Jews of Europe, warning them that political and social conditions on the continent presaged an enormous catastrophe for them.

Three million of them should move at once to Palestine. "No houses for them? Let them live in tents. Nothing to eat? World Jewry must feed them. The alternative is to have their throats cut . . ."

We have much to talk about with Max Nordau.

There is room in the sukkah for non Jews as well, and we should like to think that Feisal, King of Iraq, might enjoy the view from our terrace. It was Feisal who, in 1919, as numerous Arab states were being freed from Ottoman sovereignty, wrote to Felix Frankfurter:

"We feel that Arabs and Jews are cousins in race . . . and by a happy coincidence have been able to take the first steps toward the attainment of their national ideals together. We Arabs, especially the educated among us, look with the deepest sympathy on the Zionist movement . . . We will wish the Jews a most hearty welcome home . . ."

There is much more along the same lines. We would reread his letter together, and ponder how things might have been so different.

Another night we would have an interesting guest of a different kind. Rachel Werbermacher died in Palestine in 1892, but she achieved notoriety of a sort in her home town of Ludmir, Poland, where she engaged in religious studies and immersed herself in the life of the Chassidim. Why cannot a woman also be a Chassidah? she asked.

She prayed with great fervor and emotion, emulating the ways of the ecstatic Chassidim. She wore a tallit and put on tefillin each morning. When her father died she said Kaddish for him. She had her own synagogue, where she delivered learned discourses, though not without considerable opposition from many elements of the male-oriented Orthodoxy.

They Called Her Rebbe is the title of a recently published book on her life, by Gershon Winkler.

How interesting it would be to hear observations on the religious feminist movement of today from the lips of Rachel, who was also known as the Maid of Ludmir.

One can meet the most interesting people in a sukkah. We can hardly wait to begin preparing next year's list of guests.

Features

Islamic fundamentalism rears its head

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

Disillusioned by the failure of Arab nationalism, increasing numbers of Muslims are turning to Islamic fundamentalism.

Spearheaded by Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt in the 1950s and 1960s, Arab nationalism was widely regarded as a panacea for the ailments bedevilling the newly-independent countries of the Middle East.

Arab nationalists supposedly would come to grips with a host of deep-seated problems — chronic economic underdevelopment, the yawning disparity between rich and poor, the European colonialist presence (in nations like Egypt, Jordan and Morocco), foreign influence and, last but not least, the challenge of Israel.

It's clear that Arab nationalism, for all its triumphalist rhetoric, fell short of meeting these tests.

But for its serendipitous oil wealth, the Arab world has been unable to develop a strong industrial base capable of holding its own in international competition. Poverty continues to be endemic. Western colonialism is gone, but Western influence is all-pervasive, particularly in the cultural realm. Israel, perceived by many Arabs as a cancerous growth in the Muslim body politic and a Trojan Horse for Western hegemony, is stronger than ever. Israel's victory in the Six Day War stands as the single most remarkable example of the Arabs' inability to confront the Jewish state effectively.

The abysmal failure of Arab nationalism has been compounded by the spectre of utter disunity within Arab ranks.

Efforts at achieving pan-Arab unity have fizzled badly. Egypt's union with Syria collapsed. Libya's union with Morocco and Algeria dissolved. Syria's union with Iraq foundered. At the end of the day, national interests have prevailed over pan-Arab interests.

Saddam Hussein's Iraq also illustrates the point. In August 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, splitting the Arab world grievously. And when the 1991 Gulf War broke out, Iraq — a self-styled paragon of Arab nationalism — was, for all intents and purposes, totally isolated. In one grand stroke, Iraq discredited, and demolished, the remnants of Arab nationalism.

Much to the trepidation of Western-educated local elites, the vacuum left by Arab nationalism is gradually being filled by Islamic fundamentalism.

Fundamentalists want to create theocracies based on Islamic law, or the sharia. They consider Islam an all-encompassing way of life, a vehicle for fundamental change in Arab society. Their goal is to banish what they perceive as corrupt Western influences, to purify the Arab soul.

Furthermore, fundamentalism is totally at odds with Israel and its philosophical underpinning, Zionism. Fundamentalists, whether in Egypt or in the Gaza Strip, are ineradicably opposed to Israel's very existence, and decry diplomatic means to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Inspired by its astonishing success in Iran, a non-Arab Muslim country, Islamic movements in the Arab world are making ominous strides.

Fundamentalism triumphed in Iran in 1979, toppling the pro-Western Pahlavi monarchy and sending a shudder of apprehension throughout the region. By its very nature, fundamentalism opposes the status quo and, therefore, is a revolutionary force that must be resisted by the powers-that-be in the Middle East. But for the average Arab man-on-the-street, as well as radical intellectuals and politicians who've rejected the broad spectrum of leftist ideologies, fundamentalism is regarded positively.

To date, fundamentalism has won power only in Sudan, a vast, impoverished country coping with a ruinous civil war and facing the spectre of constant food shortages. Elsewhere, authoritarian governments have managed to contain and suppress fundamentalism. But as tight as the lid may be, fundamentalists are organizing and fighting back, threatening the precarious stability of Arab countries ranging from Algeria and Egypt to Jordan and Lebanon.

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Arab rulers watch developments in **Sudan** warily. In June 1989, Gen. Omar Hassan al-Bashir staged a coup, and proceeded to purge the military, civil service, judiciary and schools of non-Muslims. In addition, he banned independent trade unions, opposition newspapers and political parties. The Christians, who live largely in southern Sudan, fear that the increasingly intolerant regime will impose further hardships on their community.

Sudan, which in the mid-1980s served as a transit area for the flight of Jews from Ethiopia to Israel, has established close ties with its mentor, Iran. Last year, Sudan welcomed Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani on a state visit. Sudan and Iran have signed trade and military agreements, while fundamentalists from Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt and the Persian Gulf statelets are reportedly being trained in Sudanese camps. Tunisia, Egypt and Saudi Arabia have openly accused Sudan of giving refuge and support to militant Islamic groups.

Algeria is also a source of concern to mainstream Arab heads of state.

In a landmark event, a fundamentalist political party, the Islamic Salvation Front, soundly defeated the ruling National Liberation Front in the first round of general elections. No other fundamentalist party had ever contested, and won, a free election in the Middle East.

Fearing it would lose the second round of elections, the National Liberation Front cancelled them in January, deposed President Chadli Benjedid, and suspended all constitutional rights.

Ineradicably opposed to Israel's existence and peace process

Many Algerians applauded the crackdown, knowing what lay in store if the Islamic Salvation Front triumphed at the polls. It had already announced that the sharia would replace the secular legal system, that women would have to wear veils, that males and females would be segregated in work places and in schools and that the consumption of liquor would be banned.

Since January, the Algerian government has outlawed the Islamic Salvation Front, arrested thousands of its members and dissolved local assemblies (the majority of which were controlled by fundamentalists).

The fundamentalists have fought back, having killed scores of security personnel and apparently assassinated Benjedid's successor, Mohammed Boudiaf, and detonated bombs in Algiers' airport. As a result of this spiralling violence, Algeria has been plunged into near civil war.

In neighboring **Tunisia,** President Zine al-Abidine has banned the Islamic movement altogether, waged a ruthless campaign against it, and urged Arab countries to repress the Muslim militants.

In **Morocco,** King Hassan has contained the fundamentalists, while trying to mollify them with displays of fealty to Islam.

Libya, governed by Muammar Khadafi, has tolerated absolutely no political dissent.

Egypt, the only Arab country to have signed a formal peace treaty with Israel, is beset by a burgeoning Islamic movement.

Egyptian fundamentalists, who were responsible for the 1981 assassination of Anwar Sadat, have taken to burning down Coptic (Christian) churches and shops, attacking Christian neighborhoods and killing Copts. In the past year, more than 30 Copts have been murdered by Islamic militants, who regard them as heretics. There are seven to eight million Copts, in a population of 56 million. They are an an ancient, indigenous people, but the fundamentalists regard them as interlopers.

Christians are not the fundamentalists' only target. Intellectuals who've criticized the movement's goals and methods have been targeted. Farag Foda, one of Egypt's leading writers, was assassinated by an Islamic hit squad last June.

President Hosni Mubarak has denounced the mayhem, sent troops to the besieged areas, arrested some of their leaders and instructed parliament to pass an anti-terrorist law.

But in his bid to co-opt so-called Islamic moderates and defuse tensions, Mubarak has gone as far as to ban a novel and jail its author. Earlier this year, a special court found *The Distance in a Man's Mind* blasphemous and sentenced the writer, who was compared to Salman Rushdie, to eight years in prison.

Mubarak, too, has allowed the Muslim Brotherhood — which is officially banned — to contest elections indirectly by allying itself with other parties.

The Muslim Brotherhood opposes Egypt's peace treaty with Israel and is adamantly against the Arab-Israeli peace talks. In the past few years, Islamic militants have assassinated and wounded several Israeli diplomats in Cairo.

The fundamentalists are thriving in **Jordan.** In the 1989 election, the first in two decades, the Muslim Brotherhood won the largest bloc of seats in parliament, 22 of 80.

Allotted seven cabinet seats, the fundamentalist ministers were subsequently stripped of their posts when they attempted to impose their vision of a "new Jordan" on King Hussein's domain.

Nevertheless, they remain a force to be reckoned with. Analysts predict that, in the next election, tentatively scheduled for 1993, the Muslim Brotherhood may win as many as 40 seats.

Jordan and Israel are trying to resolve their differences in current peace negotiations, but if the Muslim Brotherhood had its way, Jordan would pull out of the talks.

On the face of it, **Syria** has licked the fundamentalist threat. Sparing no restraint, President Hafez Assad's Ba'athist regime decimated the movement in 1982 by brutally squelching an armed revolt in the city of Hama.

On Assad's orders, the Syrian army all but levelled Hama, killing thousands of resisters. The movement's leader, Sheikh Issam Attar, has lived in exile in Germany since the mid-1970s.

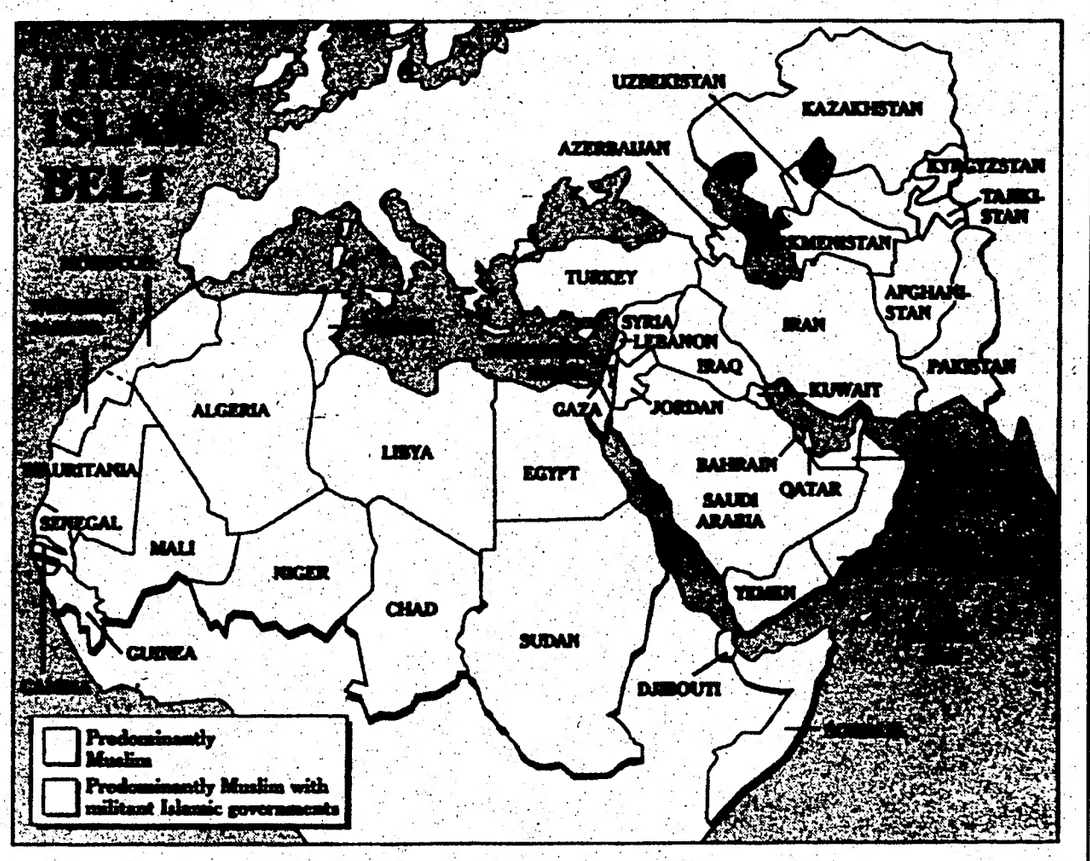
Saudi Arabia, a staunch Muslim state, also has been under pressure from Islamic militants. Fundamentalists have attacked the ruling House of Saud for having invited American troops to confront Iraq, for its support of the Mideast peace process and for its timid political and social reforms.

In **Lebanon,** the pro-Iranian Party of God — which is fiercely anti-Israel and seeks to create an Islamic state there — made startling gains in the recent election.

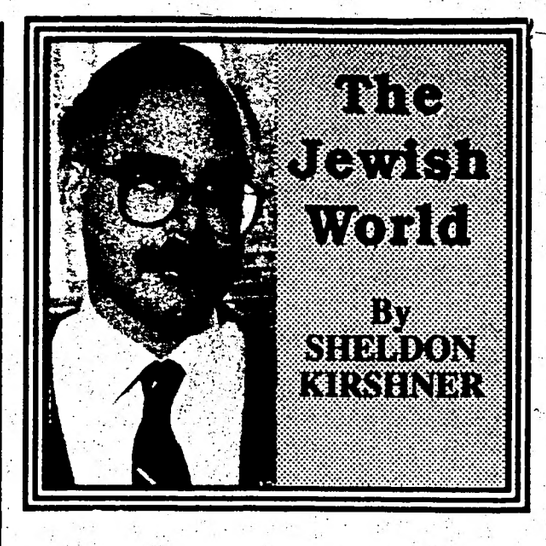
On the **West Bank** and in the **Gaza Strip,** Palestinian fundamentalists opposed to a rapprochement with Israel are battling with supporters of PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat.

And in **Israel,** the Islamic Movement currently controls five municipal councils which previously had been under the sway of the Communist party.

For obvious reasons, the militants in Israel project a reasonable image. After Israeli fundamentalists murdered three Israeli soldiers last February, the spiritual leader of the Islamic Movement denounced the murders. "Islam," he said, "prescribes living in cultural harmony not only with the Jews but also with Judaism."



Islamic fundamentalism has won power in Iran and Sudan.



The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Marshall Sklare was not rich and famous, but he left behind a rich legacy of intellectual achievement.

Sklare, who died recently in Newton, Mass. at the age of 70, was the preeminent authority on the sociology of American Jewry.

"He was really the founding father of American Jewish sociology," said one of his colleagues and former students, Jonathan Sarna, Braun Professor of American Jewish history at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass.

At his death, Sklare was the Klutznick Family Professor emeritus of Contemporary Jewish studies and sociology at Brandeis. He was also one of the founders of Brandeis' Cohen Centre for Modern Jewish Studies, the first research centre on the Jewish community in the United States.

A prolific writer, Sklare wrote eight books and scores of monographs on the nature of Jewish life in the United States. He explained American Jewry to Jews and non-Jews alike, Sarna said.

His first book, *Conservative Judaism: An American Religious Movement,* a revision of his doctoral thesis, was published in 1955. Often described as the first sociological analysis of that segment of American Judaism, it remains one of the most insightful studies of American Jewish religious life ever published. Some call it a classic.

America's Jews, which was published in 1971, is still used as an introduction to the sociology of American Jewry.

Sklare's ground-breaking study of Lakeville (a pseudonym of a Midwest suburban community) was an intensive examination of Jewish attitudes toward Jewish concerns and a cogent analysis of intergroup relations, involving 432 Jewish respondents and an almost equal number of gentile respondents.

Marshall Sklare: preeminent sociologist

It was published in 1967 under the title of *Jewish Identity on the Suburban Frontier: A Study of Group Survival in the Open Society.*

In addition, he edited *Understanding American Jewry* and *American Jews: A Reader.*

Sklare produced many articles, and two of his best-known dealt with intermarriage. They appeared in *Commentary* magazine, which is published by the American Jewish Committee.

From 1980 to 1986, Sklare was director of the Cohen Centre for Modern Jewish Studies. For more than two decades, Sklare had advocated the creation of such a centre.

In a 1980 interview with the New York Times, he said: "There is not a decent history or sociology of American Jews. Jewish studies have been classical, the Bible and the Midrash, but there has been no study of contemporary times."

Funded by various donors, including the Charles H. Revson Foundation, the centre's mandate was to train scholars, to gather new and extensive data about modern Jewish life and, in the words of former Brandeis president Marver Bernstein, to "introduce standards and coherence" to the field.

The centre has fulfilled expectations, having produced material on topics running the gamut from the size and complexity of the Jewish community to the influence of religious cults on young Jews.

Through his undergraduate courses, Sklare trained an entire generation of communal workers. He was an officer of the Association for Jewish Studies and a president of the Association for the Sociological Study of Jewry.

Born in Chicago, he graduated from Northwestern University and took a diploma from the College of Jewish Studies. He obtained his MA degree from the University of Chicago and his Ph.D. from Columbia University.

After a stint as a lecturer at City College in New York, Sklare spent 13 years on the staff of the American Jewish Committee, where he directed scientific research.

In 1979 he joined Brandeis, after about 10 years at Yeshiva University. He retired in 1990, but was not inactive.

By then, Sklare had achieved universal recognition as one of the chief pathfinders in the field of American Jewish studies.

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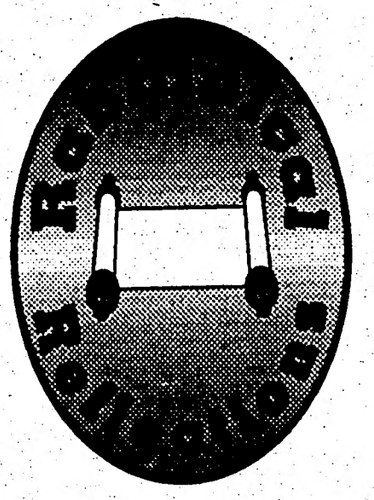

By RABBI DR. LAWRENCE PERLMAN

Across Canada the past few years tension and stress have been mounting. As Canadians have struggled with the problems of an imperfect union and tried to define anew the meaning of Canada, I sense that many of us approach Oct. 26th, with fear, confusion and hope. We all hope the situation will improve but realize that there are many serious obstacles which lie ahead.

While I intend to vote yes for the unity of Canada and I imagine that many others will also, for a wide variety of reasons, I would like to make two points in connection to our tradition and a hope for a unified Canada.

In our tradition unity begins with God. The oneness of God is a concept which demands our attention from the beginning of the Torah. God, who is unique above all beings, who is the creator, who organizes, orders and gives a moral purpose to the chaos that would otherwise prevail. Righteousness and justice which emanate from God, give a unity to all of creation, to our interpersonal and social relations and to our personal relation with God.

Life may be filled with diversity and we may need it to exist, but everything is held together through this impulse of God's unity. Whatever goodness we experience, whatever joy we know in life, it is ours because God has provided us with a way of looking at life as part of a whole. This goes for our political and social life as well as our personal life. Unity is not a convenience in our tradition, it is a blessing. Breaks in unity are broken blessings. When God created the world, and it held together inspite of the chaos, He remarked that it was good and He demanded that we imitate that goodness.

My second point has to do with breaking of that unity. As soon as unity, goodness and blessing are praised in the Torah, man in his imperfection disrupts them. What does he do? Adam breaks the unity of creation by sinning. He eats the fruit of the tree that God had demanded he refrain from eating.

Most people, when they read the story think that the tragedy is that man has sinned. And while that is a tragedy, I don't think it is the greatest tragedy. The greatest tragedy in the story, is that because of his sin man is left homeless. Adam and Eve are kicked out of the garden of Eden. The unity of creation is broken because of sin and the punishment is that Adam's home life is totally disrupted. From this point of view, the entire Torah is about losing your home at the beginning of the book of Genesis and regaining your home at the book of Deuteronomy. No one knows better than us, the meaning of losing and gaining a home. What we have built here and what we have here is something that serves us well. It needs improvements but it is a wonderful base upon which we can build those improvements and build our future.

I hope that the unity of our tradition is something that we can all translate into our positive vision of Canada and allows us to say yes to Canada.

Rabbi Dr. Lawrence Perlman is the rabbi of Shaar Zion Synagogue in Montreal.

Moshe received yasher koach when he broke sacred tablets

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

On Simchas Torah we finish reading the Torah reciting the last three words *l'aynay kol Yisrael*, before the eyes of all Israel.

The Sifri comments that this great act that Moshe Rabeinu performed before all Israel was the breaking of the two Ten Commandment tablets when Moshe beheld the worshipping of the Golden Calf. The Talmud tells us that the Almighty gave Moshe a yashier koach for so acting.

This is probably the only time that a yasher koach was and will be given for breaking Torah. It took great strength for Moshe to have the courage to destroy all that he had striven for in bringing Torah to klal Yisrael. But it was the proper thing to do, for there is no more precious gift than our holy Torah and our nation must be fit to receive it.

When we celebrate Simchas Torah, a yasher koach must also be given, not to those who break Torah, but rather to all those who support Torah. The truth is that even without our thanks, which certainly should be expressed, the divine blessings that accrue to the supporters of Torah are readily manifest.

"*Eitz chaim hee lamachazikim bo ve'somcheha meushar*, it is a tree of life to those who grasp onto it [the Torah] and all those who support it will be blessed with happiness," are familiar words sung every Shabbes before returning the Torah to the holy ark.

In the famous *tochecha* (curse) passage of Ki Sovo on the verse "Cursed is he who does not support the words of this Torah," the Jerusalem Talmud comments: "One who learned and taught observed and kept the words of Torah and also had the means to support others [so that they could] learn Torah but he did not do so, he is included in the curse. [On the other hand] one who did not have the opportunity to learn and to teach, nor to observe and keep, and really did not have the means even to support others to learn, but nevertheless made the effort to support them, he is included in the blessing of those who uphold the Torah."

The Almighty says, "*kee lekach tov nosati lochem Torosee al ta azovu*, I have given you a good portion, it is my Torah, do not forsake it." Explains the Chofetz Chaim: The word "good" is relative. Give a starving man who hasn't tasted food or drink for a while some dry bread and water and he will say "that was good." To a person who has food but cannot afford to eat meat and drink wine, give him some choice meat and expensive wine, and he will say "that was good."

But try to give that to a rich baron who feasts every night on roast duck and drinks the most expensive aged wines. That is not "good," that's commonplace to him. Give him a gift of a castle, more servants, and a few stable of horses on the other hand — that's "good" for him.

And what do you give to a monarch who has many castles, many stables, many hundreds of servants — what can he call good? Well, perhaps another kingdom. Yes, that he would consider "good."

Established axiom

The point is that the more we lack, the easier it is to find something good. The less we lack, the harder it is to find something that we can consider good.

Now the Ribbono Shel Olom, the Master of the Universe, lacks absolutely nothing. So it would seem that there is nothing that He could say is "good," and yet — the Torah — that He calls "good."

It is an old established axiom that *oron nosei es nos'ov*, the ark [containing the Torah] carries those that carry it. There is no logical reason in the world that the nation of Israel and the Jewish people are still alive. Great empires — Egypt, Rome, Greece, Babylon — have all disappeared. But the Hebrew nation that preceded all of these is still around and thriving miraculously despite all attempts to destroy it — the Crusades, the Inquisitions, the pogroms, and the Holocausts. Am Yisrael Chai, the nation of Israel proudly and fiercely lives on.

And not only does it live, it is the centre of the world's attention. Proportionate to its size, there should be hardly any mention of it on the stage of world history. It is one of the tiniest nations on the globe. Yet does a day go by when Israel is not included in the deliberations, behind the scenes or otherwise, of world concern?

What miracle, what magic keeps us alive? What supernatural power infuses this nation with an unmatched spirit, with a unequalled indomitable force? Of course, it is the Torah. Learning it, teaching it, observing it, and supporting it. There can be no other rational explanation.

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Future of Camp Reena appears 'rather bleak'

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The future of Camp Reena will be decided at the first meeting of the Reena Foundation's new board of directors, but the prognosis for the camp is "rather bleak," incoming Reena chairman Hy Eiley told the organization's annual meeting earlier this month.

The board will meet Nov. 3 to determine Camp Reena's future.

While no board member wants to close the camp, "we have a chronic problem," Eiley reported.

In the last fiscal year, the foundation lost $146,000 running the Caledon Hills summer camp for over 200 developmentally challenged young adults.

The year before, the loss was $188,000. The camp's accumulated deficit is estimated at $1.3 million.

The Reena Foundation subsidizes camp fees by 50 percent.

"If the government presents us with a cheque, there's won't be a problem," said Eiley. A recent application to Queen's Park for funding was turned down [CJN, Oct. 8].

Losses from the camp, coupled with the recession, contributed to a "particularly difficult" year for the Reena Foundation, Eiley said. The foundation ran a net deficit of $93,000 this year, compared to a surplus of $91,000 last year. The actual deficit in 1992 — $408,000 — was offset by fundraising revenue totaling almost $315,000.

Ontario's Ministry of Community and Social Services contributed 78 percent of Reena's $9.6 million in revenue.

The good news this past year for Reena was its move from Orfus Road to its new and more spacious headquarters on Dufflaw Road.

As well, five new residential properties were secured, resulting in a total of 31 new units. Reena now has 129 individually funded units and 58 rental and other residential units, all of which allow the developmentally disabled to integrate into the general community.

Fund to help fight for legislative changes

In 1991-'92, Reena serviced 96 clients through its day services program, which provides job placement, contract work and a variety of leisure and learning activities.

Outgoing chairman Harold Wodinsky reported on the opening of a new group home on Ruden Crescent in North York and on the recent establishment of the Bert and Marilyn Raphael Advocacy Fund, which will help fund battles for legislative changes and public education on the rights of the developmentally disabled.

Eiley told the meeting that the Reena Foundation has been the beneficiary of a portion of the estate of the late Toby Battle. The bequest will be used to build a 12,000-square-foot drop-in centre in Vaughan for 200 developmentally challenged adults. The centre will be the first of its kind in North America and will give caregivers much-needed respite, Eiley added.

In addition to Eiley, who served as treasurer for this fiscal year, the new board members are Elana Fleischmann, Dr. Edward Kingstone, Lorne Simon and Howard Ungerman.

Tribute was paid to outgoing board members Bernie Federman, Frances Mandell and Angela Sheriton.

Employee of the Year was Reena client Howard Zimmerman, who has worked as a busboy at the University Avenue outlet of Druxy's Restaurant since July, 1990.

Employers of the Year were Druxy's Restaurant and Bi-Way Stores Ltd. Bi-Way's Dufferin Street store has employed four Reena clients since last June.

Guest speaker was MPP Yvonne O'Neill (Lib.-Ottawa), who praised Reena staff and volunteers for their dedication.

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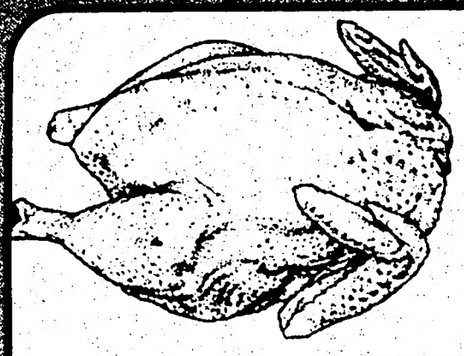

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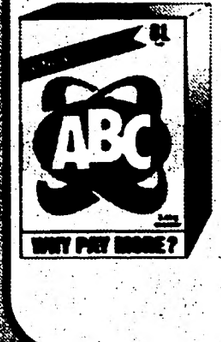

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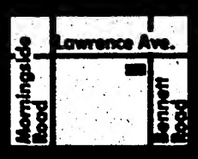

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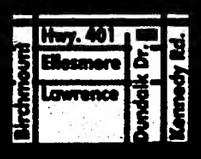

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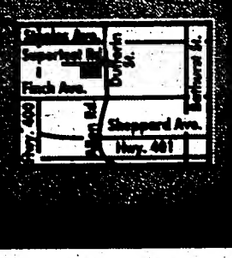

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MPP Offer delays holiday meeting

TORONTO —

It took some doing, but Steven Offer, one of four Jewish MPPs, last week persuaded Ontario's NDP government to delay the sitting of a committee on which he sits until after Yom Kippur.

Offer was informed last month that the committee, which is studying Ontario's Labor Relations Act, would sit for five straight days, including erev Yom Kippur and Yom Kippur.

Offer, the Liberal member for Mississauga North, raised the matter with his house leader and with David Cooke, the government house leader, stressing the importance of Judaism's holiest day.

But he was told the committee must sit on those days.

After he couldn't get a delay, Offer raised the matter during question period, which is open to the public.

He said Yom Kippur "is for me and members of the Jewish faith our most solemn day," and noted that by being absent for two of the committee's total of eight days of hearings, he would miss a quarter of the proceedings.

Steven Offer

As the Liberals' labor critic, Offer said it would be difficult for him to propose amendments to the act, known as Bill 40.

Last week, Cooke informed Offer that the committee would suspend hearings until after Yom Kippur.

Offer told *The CJN* he was pleased the government "acquiesced" to a "reasonable" request.

Young adults group to help leukemia sufferer in his fight

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Come prepared to party hearty — and at the same time help a young Jewish man battling for his life.

Twenty-three year old Jay Feinberg has a rare type of leukemia, combined with an even rarer blood type. His only hope of survival is to receive a bone marrow donor, from someone with his exact blood type.

His family, existing blood registries and massive screenings in the United States and Canada, including Toronto and London, have failed to find a compatible donor. Further testing is difficult without raising more funds.

The Association of Young Jewish Adults, originally known as the Jewish Adult Programming Society, was founded in Montreal and came to Toronto recently. They are holding a dance at ROCKIT, 120 Church St. at Adelaide, Sunday, Oct. 25, at 8 p.m. Admission is $8 in advance, or $10 at the door. Proceeds are going to the Jay Feinberg Fund.

Organization chairman Marla Brock says that AYJA has always given the proceeds of its dances to charities in a general sort of way. Now, she says, they want to be more focussed, and concentrate on specific charities or projects.

A member saw the flyers asking for help for Jay Feinberg and suggested that that would be a suitable cause.

"Although our main purpose is to get young single people together, our goal is not only social," said Brock. "We want to contribute something too."

AYJA, which is geared towards singles and couples aged 20 to 32, has financed projects in Israel, including a children's swimming pool at Kibbutz Lotem in the Galil, has assisted residents of Israel coming to Montreal and Toronto for special operations which cannot be done in Israel, and recently formed an outreach program to attract new members.

The party will feature a disk jockey, dancing, a cash bar, "and lots of fun," Brock said.

Results of testing for Jay Feinberg are made available for others who need bone marrow transplants, including those in Canada.

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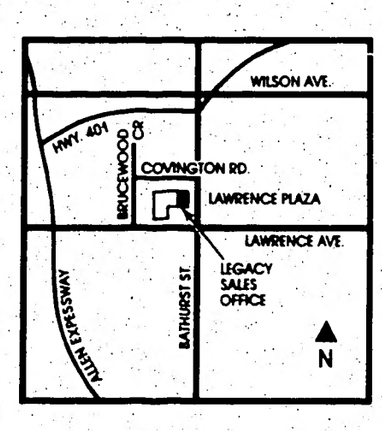

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Organizations and People

Jewish National Fund to fete three community activists

TORONTO —

Patricia Alpert, president of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto, has announced that the 1992 Negev Dinner will take place on Sunday, Nov. 29, at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

The annual event will pay tribute to three veteran community activists — Nathan O. Hurwich, Albert Mandel and Lewis J. E. Moses.

Alpert also indicated that a team of over 200 volunteers will take part in the campaign leading up to the dinner under the co-chairmanship of Alan I. Posluns and Tom Ungar.

A special project will be launched on the occasion of this year's Negev Dinner — the Toronto Community Forest. To be located at Yatir, in the northern Negev Desert on the road to Masada, the objective is to plant at least one million new trees and to dedicate the forest in honor of the Negev Dinner honorees and the people of Toronto.

As well as reclaiming the arid soil, improving both the environment and the quality of life, says Alpert, this new forest will provide employment for new immigrants. It will serve as a major step in the plan to "make the desert bloom."

Nathan O. Hurwich

The Toronto Community Forest will serve as a link in perpetuity between the people of Toronto and the land and people of Israel, in a tangible way which symbolizes hope, beauty, strong roots and peace, says Alpert.

She adds, "We would like every man, woman and child in this city to be identified with the forest project. It is truly a marvellous venture, a unique yet very JNF type of activity in which all can participate."

The three honorees at this year's Negev Dinner have a total of almost 120 years of community involvement between them.

Nathan O. Hurwich has been an active part of the fabric of the organized Jewish Community in Toronto for over half a century. During that time he has been associated with 30 communal organizations and institutions, often in a leadership capacity. He has been an active campaigner for every Negev Dinner since the very first in 1949.

Nat and his wife, Roey, will celebrate their sixteenth wedding anniversary on Dec. 25.

A past president of JNF Toronto, Nat remains an active paraticipant in JNF affairs at age 83. He and his late brother, Dr. Samuel B. Hurwich, honored in 1955, share the distinction of being the only "brother combination" to have been chosen Negev Dinner Honorees.

Born in Toronto in 1924, Albert Mandel's record of community service is a continuation of the tradition established by his late father Max. Blessed with an outgoing nature, a wonderful sense of humor, a pleasant personality and a high energy level, Al was a "natural" for leadership roles in many community organizations and groups.

Within the JNF framework, he has been active at both the local and national levels as an officer and enthusiastic supporter. Al and Hilda have three children and eight grandchildren.

Lewis J. E. Moses

Albert Mandel

Mandel's involvement reaches beyond the Jewish community and in 1983 he was named "man of the year" in the Italian community for his work with Villa Columbo.

Lewis J. E. Moses settled in Toronto with his family in 1932 at the age of 13. The youngest of seven children, Lew was a medalist at Central High School of Commerce and went on to a distinguished career as a chartered accountant.

During World War II, Lew served his country in the Royal Canadian Air Force, posted for most of the war in England. Married to Ethel, they are the parents of three and proud grandparents of six.

Active with the Jewish National Fund since his youth, Lew has held both local and national positions with the organization over the years, including service as JNF Toronto president. His involvement with many community groups and organizations is legendary and his lifelong dedication to the cause of Zionism is his trademark.

The community is invited to participate in the 1992 Negev Dinner through participation in the Toronto Community Foreest project and by attendance at the event itself. Further information may be obtained by contacting the offices of the JNF in Toronto.

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	[illegible] 12	8 p.m., Harbourfront - The Tent In The Square	[illegible]	NEW ISRAEL FUND OF CANADA
	[illegible] 13	8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple	[illegible]	POMEGRANTE GUILD
	[illegible] 18	10 a.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue	[illegible]	BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB
	[illegible] 21	9:45 a.m., Hospital Board Room	[illegible]	MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
		7:45 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	[illegible]	CANADIAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY
		8 p.m., Jewish Public Library	[illegible]	JEWS FOR JUDAISM
		6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rms. 419, 420, 421	[illegible]	CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS
		7:30 p.m., Beth Sholom Synagogue	[illegible]	UJA WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN WITH J.W.F.
		noon, Beth Tzedec Synagogue	[illegible]	BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE
		Poland & Israel	[illegible]	UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
		10 a.m., International Centre	[illegible]	NA'AMAT TORONTO
		10 a.m., Holy Blossom Temple	[illegible]	CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS, ONTARIO REGION/HOLY BLOSSOM TEMPLE
		6:30 p.m., Inn On The Park	[illegible]	ONTARIO MEN'S ORT
	[illegible] 25	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rms. 419, 420	[illegible]	UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
	[illegible] 26	7:30 p.m., Adath Israel Syngogue	[illegible]	FEDERATION EXECUTIVE
	[illegible] 27	8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue	[illegible]	UJA WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN
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	[illegible] 5	8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	[illegible]	CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOC.
	[illegible] 8	7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation	[illegible]	BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE, BETH MIDRASH PROGRAM
	[illegible] 9	9:45 a.m., Hospital Board Room	[illegible]	MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
	[illegible] 10	6 p.m., Beth Jacob V'Anshe Dritz	[illegible]	KOLLEL ESH DAT
	[illegible] 11	7:30 p.m., Free Times Cafe, 320 College St.	[illegible]	JEWISH ARTISTS SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY
	[illegible] 12	8 p.m., Jewish Public Library	[illegible]	JEWS FOR JUDAISM
	[illegible] 15	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.	[illegible]	HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
	[illegible] 16	8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple	[illegible]	FEDERATION HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE COMM.
	[illegible] 17	8 p.m., Temple Sinai	[illegible]	TEMPLE SINAI
	[illegible] 18	7:30 p.m., R.P.M.'s	[illegible]	ISRAEL CANCER RESEARCH FUND YOUNG ASSOCIATES
	[illegible] 19	7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation	[illegible]	BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE, BETH MIDRASH PROGRAM
	[illegible] 22	8 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre	[illegible]	JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE
	[illegible] 23	7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation	[illegible]	BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE, BETH MIDRASH PROGRAM
	[illegible] 24	7:45 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue	[illegible]	CANADIAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY
	[illegible] 25	8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	[illegible]	TORONTO FRIENDS OF LANIADO HOSPITAL
	[illegible] 26	8 p.m., Jewish Public Library	[illegible]	JEWS FOR JUDAISM
	[illegible] 29	9 a.m., Hospital Mall	[illegible]	MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
	[illegible] 30	8 p.m., Beth Torah Synagogue	[illegible]	BETH TORAH CONGREGATION
		10 a.m., Lawrence Square	[illegible]	EMUNAH WOMEN OF CANADA
		7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation	[illegible]	BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE, BETH MIDRASH PROGRAM
		6:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	[illegible]	SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BROTHERHOOD
		7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation	[illegible]	BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE, BETH MIDRASH PROGRAM
		Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue	[illegible]	BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH SISTERHOOD
		8 p.m., Jewish Public Library	[illegible]	JEWS FOR JUDAISM
		9 a.m., Hospital Mall	[illegible]	MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
		9 a.m., 52 Colville Rd., Toronto	[illegible]	CENTRE FOR JEWISH ARTS & CRAFTS
		7:30 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple	[illegible]	COMMITTEE FOR YIDDISH/HOLY BLOSSOM/FRIENDS OF YIDDISH
		Beth Tzedec Synagogue Museum	[illegible]	BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE
		6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th floor	[illegible]	UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
		7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation	[illegible]	BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE, BETH MIDRASH PROGRAM
		8 p.m., St. Lawrence Centre, J. Mallat Theatre	[illegible]	CANADA-ISRAEL CULTURAL FOUNDATION
		6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rms. 419, 420	[illegible]	FEDERATION EXECUTIVE
		7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation	[illegible]	BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE, BETH MIDRASH PROGRAM
		8 p.m ., Beth Tikvah Synagogue	[illegible]	BETH TZEDEC SISTERHOOD
		8 p.m., Bayview Campus	[illegible]	UNITED SYNAGOGUE DAY SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOC.
		8 p.m., Jewish Public Library	[illegible]	JEWS FOR JUDAISM
		8 p.m., Private home	[illegible]	WEIZMANN WOMEN FOR SCIENCE
		5:30 p.m., Sheraton Centre, Toronto	[illegible]	JEWISH NATIONAL FUND
DECEMBER	[illegible] 7	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rms. 419, 420	[illegible]	JEWISH WOMEN'S FEDERATION FESTIVAL
	[illegible] 8	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.	[illegible]	HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
	[illegible] 9	7:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre	[illegible]	JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE BOOK FAIR
	[illegible] 13	Park Plaza Hotel	[illegible]	CAN. SOCIETY FOR THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
	[illegible] 14	10:30 a.m., Leah Posluns Theatre	[illegible]	BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH SISTERHOOD
	[illegible] 15	4 p.m., Park Plaza Hotel	[illegible]	CANADA-ISRAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
	[illegible] 16	9:45 a.m., Hospital Board Room	[illegible]	MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
	[illegible] 17	8 p.m., Jewish Public Library	[illegible]	JEWS FOR JUDAISM
	[illegible] 20	8:30 p.m., 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill	[illegible]	CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF MARKHAM
	[illegible] 21	Sheraton Centre, Dominion Ballroom	[illegible]	B'NAI BRITH CANADA, LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
	[illegible] 22	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th floor	[illegible]	UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
	[illegible] 23	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th Floor	[illegible]	UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
	[illegible] 24	7:30 p.m., Free Times Cafe, 320 College St.	[illegible]	JEWISH ARTISTS SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY
	[illegible] 27	Thornhill Square	[illegible]	CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF MARKHAM
	[illegible] 28	8:30 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue	[illegible]	BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH SYNAGOGUE
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JAN.	[illegible] 1	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.	[illegible]	HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
	[illegible] 4	8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	[illegible]	CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOC.
	[illegible] 13	8 p.m., *Location to be announced*	[illegible]	POMEGRANTE GUILD
	[illegible] 21	8 p.m., Bayview Campus	[illegible]	UNITED SYNAGOGUE DAY SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOC.

	DATE	TIME/PLACE	EVENT	ORGANIZATION
FEB.	THURSDAY 4	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.	[illegible]	HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
	SUNDAY 7	9 a.m., Baycrest Terrace	[illegible]	JEWISH WOMEN'S FEDERATION
	TUESDAY 16	7:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre	[illegible]	JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE
MARCH	MONDAY 1	7:45 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	[illegible]	CANADIAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY
	[illegible] 2	8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	[illegible]	CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOC.
	WEDNESDAY 3	6 p.m., Sheraton Centre	[illegible]	CDN. SOCIETY FOR THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, TORONTO CHAPTER
	THURSDAY 4	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.	[illegible]	HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
	SUNDAY 7	Baycrest Centre	[illegible]	BAYCREST CENTRE, BAYCREST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
	SUNDAY 11	11 a.m. & 4 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue	[illegible]	BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH SYNAGOGUE
	WEDNESDAY 17	8 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue	[illegible]	BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH SISTERHOOD
	TUESDAY 23	8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue	[illegible]	BETH TIKVAH SISTERHOOD
	THURSDAY 25	Baycrest Centre	[illegible]	BAYCREST CENTRE, BAYCREST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
APRIL	SUNDAY 18	2 p.m., Queen's Park - Convocation Hall	[illegible]	CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR YAD VASHEM
	TUESDAY 20	7:45 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	[illegible]	CANADIAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY
	THURSDAY 22	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.	[illegible]	HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
	SUNDAY 25	9 p.m., *To be announced*	[illegible]	CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION, CENTRAL REGION
	MONDAY 26	10 a.m., JCC North Branch	[illegible]	CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION, CENTRAL REGION
		6:30 p.m., *To be announced*	[illegible]	STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS, WOMEN'S DIVISION
	TUESDAY 27	Baycrest Centre	[illegible]	BAYCREST CENTRE, BAYCREST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
	WEDNESDAY 28	O.I.S.E.	[illegible]	MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
MAY	SUNDAY 2	St. Lawrence Market	[illegible]	B'NAI BRITH WOMEN OF CANADA
	MONDAY 3	8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	[illegible]	CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOC.
	SUNDAY 9	9 a.m., Baycrest Centre	[illegible]	BAYCREST CENTRE
	SUNDAY 16	Montreal	[illegible]	CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION
	WEDNESDAY 19	8 p.m., *Location to be announced*	[illegible]	FEDERATION, JEWISH MUSIC COMMITTEE
	THURSDAY 20	7:45 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	[illegible]	CANADIAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY
		8 p.m., Bathurst Campus	[illegible]	UNITED SYNAGOGUE DAY SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOC.
	TUESDAY 25	Private home	[illegible]	WEIZMANN WOMEN FOR SCIENCE
JUNE	TUESDAY 1	6 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue	[illegible]	BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH SISTERHOOD
	SUNDAY 6	8 p.m., Roy Thomson Hall	[illegible]	ONTARIO MEN'S ORT
	TUESDAY 8	7:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre	[illegible]	JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO
	WEDNESDAY 9	8 p.m. *Location to be announced*	[illegible]	POMEGRANTE GUILD
	SUNDAY 13	5:30 p.m., boarding at Queen's Quay Terminal, Toronto	[illegible]	CDN. SOCIETY FOR THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

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Community Calendar

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Organizations and People

Bonds' sales up over 1991

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO

The sale of State of Israel Bonds world-wide is running 36 percent ahead of last year at this time, Meir Rosenne
head of the Bonds organization, said here recently.

Sales have reached $890 million compared with $647 million a year ago, an increase of 36 percent, Rosenne said. Last year sales for the total year reached $991 million.

He reported the figures to a Bonds sponsored meeting at Beth Tzedec Synagogue when the Sanhedrin Award, named after the ancient Jewish court, was presented to Mr. Justic Sydney L. Robins by the Chief Justice of Ontario, Charles L. Dubin.

No one measures up better to the passion and fairness exemplified by the Sanhedrin than the recipient of the award, the Chief Justice said, describing Robins as "a colleague and a friend," and adding, "We'll hear more from Sydney L. Robins in the future."

Rosenne, who is president and chief executive officer of State of Israel Bonds, said he wanted to pay a belated tribute to the late Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg of Beth Tzedec who was one of the first to raise the banner on behalf of Soviet Jews 30 years ago. "Many did not agree with him at the time," he said. "But as a result of his efforts the Canadian government under John Diefenbaker was the first government to raise the issue."

Tributes to Robins from Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Barbara MacDougall, minister of external affairs, were read by John H. Pollock, Beth Tzedec president.

"My wife, Gloria, rarely agrees with Brian Mulroney and I'm sure she wont agree with what he said about me tonight," Robins joked.

He recalled that he had chaired a dinner 19 years ago on behalf of Israel Bonds honoring the late Chief Justice of Canada, Bora Laskin. "By then many doors had opened to Jews, and today, few, if any doors are closed. We have Jewish judges at all levels of the judiciary across Canada, a situation far different than when I was called to the bar.

"This country has matured, there is less dislike of the unalike and less tolerance of intolerance."

Isadore Abrams, State of Israel Bonds chairman for Beth Tzedec, said Robins has worked diligently on behalf of Mount Sinai Hospital, the Baycrest Home for the Aged, Beth Tzedec, and Canadian Friends of Haifa University, among others.

Tributes were also paid to Robins by Roy McMurtry, Associate Chief Justice and former Ontario attorney general, and Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg of Beth Tzedec.

Abrams said sale of Israel Bonds results in a cash flow to Israel of $3 million a day in United States funds.

Other guests on the dais were Dror Zeigerman, Israeli Consul General, Harvey Solursh, Bonds Ontario chairman, Nathan Hurwich, past Beth Tzedec Bonds chairman, and Alex Grossman, president of Israel Securities of Canada.

Atlantic Jewish students group trying to keep peers at home

By JOEL JACOBSON

HALIFAX —

Too many Jewish students of university age are leaving the Maritimes and attending school in the bigger centres, says the co-president of the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Students Federation.

Jon Mendleson of Halifax, a second-year Dalhousie University science student, said he is the only one of his peer group attending university at home.

"The rest are in Montreal or Toronto or elsewhere," he said, as he reflected on a record Shabbaton promoted by APJSF, which is affiliated with Jewish Student Network of Canada.

The Shabbaton attracted 50 students from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island but the numbers, while encouraging to Mendleson and his co-chairman, third year sociology major Timna Gorber of Dartmouth, were still disappointing.

"We know there are 250 Jewish university students in the area, probably 200 in Halifax alone," said Mendleson. "We want to reach out to the Jewish students from larger communities. They have been exposed to a full Jewish education all their lives and we want them to help with our programming and give us ideas. Maybe they can help us find ways to keep Maritime Jewish students at home."

High profile guest speakers from Network addressed the Shabbaton, including chairman Joey Felson and executive director Simeon Olsburg of Toronto.

Rabbi Benji Jacoby ("our travelling Network rabbi," according to Mendleson) was "a young, dynamic leader for us," he said.

Rabbi Jacoby later complemented the Shabbaton participants.

"The vitality and the openness of the participants was impressive. Most special was the Jewish camaraderie and ruach," he said.

Eric Vernon, director of legislative analysis for the Canadian Jewish Congress, also addressed the Shabbat dinner, discussing the importance of students — as future leaders — being aware of hate mongering and Holocaust denial.

The Atlantic organization has plans to spark more interest through the academic year.

"We will have speakers and more Shabbat dinners," said Mendleson. "We held a movie night the night Rosh Hashanah ended with about 15 students attending the new film *School Ties*."

He laughed when he said, "We had 15 students come out which was incredible when you think they are students who had to pay their own money."

APJSF also will promote Israel Day on the Dalhousie campus when students will talk to their peers — Jewish and non-Jewish — about visiting Israel as either tourists or students.

"We also expect to send 15 delegates to the annual national Network conference in Montreal in December," said Mendleson.

The group is trying to reach junior high school students through a dramatic presentation on a Jewish theme and take it on the road through the region.

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Theme party props allow you to set festivities in any locale

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

How can you have cocktails in a Turkish bazaar, dine on a cruise ship, lounge on a tropical beach or wander through a space ship without leaving the city? When you have a party put together by Magic Ballroom Productions, 764-2838 or 520-1709 or Special Events by the Prop House Inc., 588-7725.

Philip Greenspoon, who co-owns Special Events by the Prop House Inc. along with Richard Raynor, says they began renting props for parties when they realized that the props they rent out for movie and television sets would help make perfect theme parties.

"We have constructed elaborate sets, ranging from a 1950s diner to a full beach in the tropics to the bridge of a starship that actually lights up. Hosts can rent all or part of the prop, depending on rooms and budget. For example, for the tropical party they can rent only palm trees, or else add the sand and water. They can get as extravagant or as simple as they wish."

He says that not only does the Prop House provide the props, they are available for consultation for the entire party. "We can co-ordinate the whole event from the food to the entertainment. For instance, those wishing the tropical theme can hire a steel drum band or a reggae band and even have fire eaters if they want."

Greenspoon says that he recently co-ordinated a Disneyland theme bat mitzvah that made a tremendous hit. "We set up a portable mountain in the synagogue hall with a cave entrance. When people entered the cave they were given Micky Mouse hats as their placecards, then they walked through the cave to the ballroom.

"We arranged to have Disneyland theme food such as pasta, hamburgers, hotdogs and corn on the cob so the costs were kept down. Kids and parents alike really enjoyed the food and the cost of the meal offset the cost of the props. Everybody had a great time."

He stresses that the party room need not be large for the prop to work nicely. "We have a 60-foot backdrop of a New Orleans scene. Part of it or all of it can be used and along with the food and some jazz music we have a great party."

Mark Silverman of Magic Ballroom Productions says that the company has a hall at Bayview and Finch that can be transformed into "anything a person's heart desires. We can create the most exotic parties from a Hawaiian Luaua to a Caribbean cruise to a baeball park. It has to be seen to be believed."

Silverman says that for a baseball party, they can arrange for two major league players to actually come and mingle with the crowd. "They would sign autographs, the room would be decorated like a ballpark, seating cards would be baseball tickets and the guests would be thrilled. If desired we can arrange for the food to be baseball park fare."

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BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL

New Israeli Health Minister Haim Ramon recently took an orientation tour of Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, inspecting not only the wards and departments, but the kitchens as well. Ramon, who arrived at 5 p.m., told senior staff members who welcomed him, that he had been on his feet since 5 a.m. He still found time to visit patients, bringing with him warm words of greetings.

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Organizations and People

Rally calls on government to stop Holocaust deniers

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Several hundred people who recently attended an emotional, emergency rally were urged to demand from the government that their rights be protected.

Sabina Citron, founding member of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association and chairman of the rally, entitled Freedom of Speech and the Rights of Minorities in Canada, told the crowd that "as a Holocaust survivor and a person who has suffered persecution, I tell you that we must demand that our rights are protected under the law."

The rally, held at Shaarei Shomayin Synagogue, was called in order to protest the Supreme Court of Canada's overturning of the conviction for spreading false news against Ernst Zundel. The conviction was struck down in August when the court ruled that the law was unconstitutional because it violated the guarantee of expression contained in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Rabbi Emanuel Schochet, professor of philosophy at Humber College and rabbi of the Kielcer Shul, said that "free expression is essential and mankind would stagnate without it but there is no excuse for slander or the falsification of facts. It is incredible that 50 years after the Holocaust and the extermination of ⅓ of the world's Jews that we have in our midst people who would rewrite history. This is not only painful, it is not only the reopening of wounds, but it is the throwing of salt and acid on those wounds."

In an emotional address, Sam Pasternack, commander, Toronto Post, Jewish War Veterans of Canada, said that the "greatest obscenity is to deny the Holocaust ever happened. This is the attempt of warped minds to rewrite history. Denying the Holocaust makes as much sense as saying World War II never happened.

Manuel Prutschi, executive director Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region, said that Holocaust survivors and the community are prepared to bear the pain that comes with criminal trials. "What we find difficult to bear is the pain brought about by this decision. We believe that ideas are important because they have power but evil ideas can have terrible consequences. Jewish communities have suffered for centuries because of false news."

He said that Holocaust denial "is the latest in a litany of falsehoods and is tantamount to the rape of a soul. It aims to undermine Jews in the minds of their neighbors. It is important that the attorney-general know the feelings of our community and of Canadians."

Kathleen Mahoney, a law professor at the University of Calgary, told the crowd that Zundel's beliefs were not evaluated when the conviction was overturned. "These courts evaluated the law of false news. When a law is challenged, the court must see whether the law can stand up to scrutiny."

In a passionate plea, an audience member said that "maybe it is necessary for Jews to stop being so docile. Maybe it is time to declare war on our legal system. I hate war, but sometimes it is necessary."

Citron urged everyone to "continually harrass the lives of the politicians. Zundel must be charged and deported. We are fed up and will not take it anymore."

Zundel fostering falsehoods

"Denial is not a localized phenomenon and revisionists have sprung up all over. Zundel is taking the benefits of democracy by fostering falsehood. Our Supreme Court of Canada has set aside his convictions because of freedom of speech but the abuse of this freedom is quite another matter. We can tell when the freedom of expression is being abused. I urge Bob Rae and Ontario Attorney-General Howard Hampton to bring Zundel to the courts again."

Canadian couple joins tour to mark Halle's 300th year

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Eugene F. H. Strauss, a family and marriage counsellor in Toronto, wrestled for years with the idea of visiting Halle in East Germany, the city he left in 1937 at the age of 12.

Strauss and his wife, Helen, have just returned from Halle, where, along with 60 other Jews, they were the guests of Halle for the 300th anniversary of the Halle Jewish community.

The Strausses were the only Canadians, the rest coming from Sweden, Israel, the United States, Australia and Argentina.

"I have no quarrel with the 15 families who declined the invitation because of their feelings about Germany," Strauss told *The CJN*. "But I am not sorry we went, we need to build bridges."

Only 15 of the 60 visitors to Halle were original inhabitants of the city, which once had 1,100 Jews. Today there are only 36 Jews, including 30 percent immigrants from the former Soviet Union. A synagogue has been restored at the site of one of the two old Jewish cemeteries. Strauss found his father's grave in one of these cemeteries.

Ilse Strauss, 79, widowed sister-in-law of Strauss, and her daughter, Vera Gellman, both of England, were among the visitors. She lost her parents in the Holocaust. Her father had owned the largest department store in Halle. Among the public exhibitions of the Nazi atrocities in Halle, was a list which showed that cameras belonging to her parents had been confiscated. Other visitors found the names of family members who had been deported.

Strauss said he saw more anti-Nazi graffiti in Halle and neighboring towns than he sees pleas for racial tolerance on the streets or subways of Toronto. In only one instance, at a castle in a nearby town, did he see an anti-Jewish slogan written in chalk.

"Everywhere we were well received," he said. "The senior students of the Georg Cantor Gymnasium, received us outside their building with roses and hugged some of us on our departure. One young man burst into tears and had to be reassured by one of the visitors that he bears no responsibility for the misdeeds of an earlier generation. A young woman asked me, first, whether I had been born a Jew and then, whether she could become Jewish if she wished."

There were formal receptions, a premiere performance of an Eli Wiesel play and an informal, farewell social on a tour boat cruising down the river Saale. There was a public concert of synagogue music in the Marienkirche, the main cathedral of Halle, which was filled to capacity and which featured Hebrew solo and choral pieces. The solos were sung by senior cantor Estrongo Nachama from Berlin and the choir was the Kammerchor of the Dominican Cathedral of the nearby city of Magdeburg.

Halle Cathedral was the site of a Jewish concert.

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Organizations and People

Israeli rabbi slams community for ignoring the handicapped

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO —

In the Jewish community, as in other communities, those with disabilities are neglected, said Rabbi Tzvi Marx at the first Fisher Memorial lecture at the Beth Sholom synagogue.

Rabbi Marx, who is the director of education at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, pointed out that the Brooklyn School for the Deaf, which goes up to Grade 8, is the only Jewish school for the deaf in all of North America.

Halachic culture celebrates health, as does North American culture, and that creates problems for handicapped people because they can never achieve it, he said.

In halachic culture the scholar has the highest status, he says. "We are an achievement-oriented culture of the highest order. Jews simply turn aside the handicapped.

"A lot of people — the blind, mutes — are exempt from all mitzvah. The more responsibility, the more you burden them with mitzvah."

Noting that synagogues have been constructed in a way that makes them inaccessible to the orthopedically disabled, Rabbi Marx said mezuzots are too high for many handicapped to reach.

He says liberal interpretations of rabbinic statements that equate punishment and disabilities cause parents of disabled children to ask themselves "where have we gone wrong." As a result of those interpretations, even the presence of a handicapped person can evoke shame and guilt, he explained.

Some blessings celebrate health, including ability to see, and thereby project messages that may be offensive to the disabled, he told the hundred or so who attended his lecture. "What do you do with these blessings that celebrate health?" he asked. "Do you tell the blind that they can't come in the synagogue?"

Rabbi Marx wants to include the handicapped in the synagogues, each to their own ability, he wants the buildings to be made accessible to the disabled and he wants to maximize educational opportunities for the mentally handicapped.

Regarding the first step on the road to including the disabled, he said, "I believe there has to be am improvement — an improvement that starts with awareness of the problem."

His encounters with the handicapped have enlightened him about challenging Judaic culture, which he says is finely attuned to the dignity of man. "It's a complicated culture," Rabbi Marx said. "It means we can handle challenges."

In the course of writing his recently submitted doctoral thesis on the theme of his lecture, Are the handicapped members of the Jewish community?, he talked to many disabled people.

He says some people assume a person with one disability has others. "We are not aware of the potential that people with incapacities have," he said. He told the audience about a man with cerebral palsy who wrote his doctoral thesis using a computer with foot pedals. "His mind is crystal clear," Rabbi Marx added.

He also said able-bodied persons almost universally experience revulsion at the sight of the handicapped because the handicapped arouse in them the deepest fears of their own possible disablement.

"I confronted that fear. I had it. I'm not afraid to admit it," said Rabbi Marx.

He urged the audience to overcome their fears. "You must simply take a chance and break down the barrier. That's how I did it. When you happen to come across someone with a disability, talk to them and ask them about their disability," he advised. "You don't have to do it brutally."

Commenting about the tendency to avoid people in wheelchairs, Rabbi Marx said that children are naturally curious about them. Out of courtesy, parents shush their children, with the admonition to stay away. "A handicapped person will interpret that as a rejection," he says.

He called the cause of the disabled a Holocaust subject. As a Holocaust survivor himself, he suffered disablement from a calcium deficiency in childhood. "A cruel people left many of our people maimed and disfigured," he said.

On his own advocacy for the handicapped, Rabbi Marx says, "It came out of my being moved by the experience that shaped our generation. It was [a] feature of my consciousness."

CJC region to sponsor forum on constitutional referendum

TORONTO —

The Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress, in conjunction with the Holy Blossom Temple, is sponsoring a community forum on the reasons to vote Yes in the Oct. 26 constitutional referendum.

The forum will be held at the Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. Admission is free.

Congress president Irving Abella, Max Bernard, chairman of Congress' national unity committee, and Rabbi Reuven Bulka, chairman of Clergy for a United Canada and a member of Congress' Yes committee, are the scheduled speakers. Rabbi Dow Marmur will serve as moderator.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Oct. 15, is deadline for Oct. 29 issue, and Thursday, Oct. 22, is deadline for Nov. 5 issue). Please note that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. The phone number is 422-2331.

Thursday, Oct. 15

FORUM ON REFERENDUM

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, is presenting an open forum on the constitutional referendum at 1 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Panelists are **Lynn McDonald**, professor of sociology at University of Guelph, and **Judy Rebick**, president, National Action Committee on the Status of Women, and member of National Canada Committee. For information, call 633-5100.

START SMART

Have you always wanted to start your own business? Do it right with Start Smart, a series of workshops to help you plan for your own business sponsored by Jewish Vocational Service.

An information session is being held at 10 a.m. at JVS, 74 Tycos Dr. To register, call **Ellen Barrington** at 787-1151.

Saturday, Oct. 17

OPENING DANCE

The B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) is sponsoring a dance in the gym at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St. The dance is open to all Jewish high school students. Doors open at 8 p.m. Cost is $5 members, $8 non-members. For more information, call 635-9411.

Sunday, Oct. 18

RELIGIOUS STUDIES SEMINAR

The Religious Studies courses at the University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies is presenting a one-day seminar on the topic Six Moral Issues in the Light of Biblical Tradition with **Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut**. The course (SCS 5376) runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 158 St. George St. Charge is $75. To register, call 978-2400.

ANNUAL OUTLOOK BANQUET

The Toronto Outlook Committee is sponsoring the annual Outlook banquet featuring Osgoode Hall Law School lecturer **Michael Mandel**, whose topic will be Why I'm Voting No in the Referendum. Entertainment will be Jewish folk music by the Toronto Community Klezmer Orchestra.

The time is 6:30 p.m. at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Tickets are $15. For reservations, call 767-8296 or 789-5502. *Outlook Magazine* is published in Vancouver by the Canadian Jewish Outlook Society.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST CLUB

Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club is featuring a musicale program with **Cantor Thomas Schwartz**. Service is at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30.

HERITAGE OF CHILDREN

The Heritage of Children of Canada, fighting for grandparents' and grandchildren's rights, is holding a meeting from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Wallace Emerson Community Centre, 1260 Dufferin St. Lawyer **John Weingust**, mediator for custody and access, will speak at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For information, call 656-5408.

DISCUSSION FORUM

Congregation Keshet Shalom is presenting a discussion forum at 2 p.m. on the topic Jewish Lesbians and Gays—Recollecting Our Childhood. Call the Rainbow Line, 925-1408 for location details.

MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST

Guest speaker at the Beth Tzedec Men's Club Breakfast will be **Paul Marcus**, national director, Institute for International Affairs, B'nai Brith Canada. Breakfast is at 9:30 a.m. (nominal charge), lecture at 10 (no charge). Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

ISSUES & INSIGHTS

Issues and Insights, a series of six lectures presented by New Leadership Toronto chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in co-operation with the Institute for Jewish Learning, starts off with **Prof. Shlomo Avineri** discussing Israel in the Post Cold War Period.

The time is 7:45 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Ticket price is $22 each for first five lectures, $30 for **Elie Wiesel** lecture (May 20).; students $15, ($25 for May 20). For information, call 485-8000.

SEPHARAD '92

At Holy Blossom Temple, Sepharad '92, a celebration of Sephardic Jewish culture and heritage commemorating 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain, begins with Pearls of the East: From Toledo to Jerusalem, a musical evening/coffee house featuring **Cantors Benjamin Maissner** and **Armand Moyal** with **Ted Labow** at the keyboard.

The time is 8 p.m. The $7.50 charge includes coffee and dessert. For advance tickets, call **Olivia** at 789-3291. This event is sponsored by the Brotherhood, Department of Continuing Education and the Music Committee.

CHRISTIAN-JEWISH DIALOGUE

The Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto presents **Prof. William Dunphy**, former principal St. Michael's College, and **Rabbi Jordan Pearlson** of Temple Sinai speaking on Nostra Aetate: 25 Years Later — Reflections on the Vatican II Document dealing with relations between Christians and Jews. Chairman is **Rev. Peter Gilbert**, former chairman CJDT.

It takes place at 7:30 p.m. at Blessed Trinity Church, 3220 Bayview Ave. (Bayview and Finch). Admission is free. For information and to RSVP, call 941-9356.

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP

Inclusion of Persons With a Developmental Handicap Into Worship Services, a one-day workshop conducted by the Faith Community Outreach Committee and co-sponsored by the Reena Foundation and Mary Centre of the Archdiocese of Toronto, will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Cost of $10 includes lunch. To reserve and for further information, call 350-3663 or **Lori Scheim** at the Reena Foundation at 787-0131.

HISTORY OF JEWS IN TORONTO

Overbrook Cultural Club is featuring an illustrated lecture by **Stephen Speisman** on the History of Jews in Toronto from the 1930s On, at 2 p.m. Please note new location — 12 Heaton St. in the Lodzer Centre (one block north of Sheppard, one block west of Bathurst). Members free, non-members $1. For further information, call **Millie Herzog** at 221-7207.

A FASHION EVENT

Solel Sisterhood is presenting A Voyage of Discovery Fashion Event, a fashion show for the entire family, at the synagogue, 2399 Folkway Dr., Mississauga.

Tickets are $18. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. There will be door prizes. For information and tickets, contact **Shirley** at 820-3801.

ANOREXIA SUPPORT GROUP

The Anorexia Bulimia Family Support Group meets at 7:30 p.m. at the new City Hall (Queen and Bay) when **Patti Perry** from the Eating Disorders Clinic will talk on Sexual Abuse and Eating Disorders. For information, call 534-3068.

Thursday, Oct. 22

UJA NIGHT

Jewish Women's Federation and UJA Women's Campaign present **Marina Furman**, ex-Refusenik, immigration advocate, international lecturer, at UJA Night taking place at Beth Sholom Synagogue. She will be joined by **Mossaret Shibru** from Ethiopia. Both women will relate stories of courage and triumph.

For further information, call 635-2883, ext. 174.

FILM REVIEW

Lifestyle Retirement Communities is presenting a review of the film *Mr. and Mrs. Bridge* by **Heather Kassell** at 2 p.m. at Forest Hill Retirement Residence, 645 Castlefield Ave. Admission is free. Space is limited and early reservations are requested. Contact **Marlene White** at 785-1511.

THE HOLY LAND THEN AND NOW

The lecture series sponsored by Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue in conjunction with the photographic exhibit, The Holy Land Then and Now, concludes with City Planning in Biblical and Modern Jerusalem with **Philip Beinhaker**. The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue.

FOR KIDS SAKE

North York Chapter of the Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis invites you to a special education meeting focusing on the topic of children living and coping with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). Featured will be two speakers from the Hospital for Sick Children, **Dr. Rose Geist**, director of psychiatric consultation, and **Dr. Anne Griffiths**, director of the IBD program.

It takes place at 8 p.m. at North York Board of Education Administration Building, 5050 Yonge St. No charge for admission.

NEW JF&CS BRANCH

Among the several members of the York Services Committee present at the opening of the new York Region branch of Jewish Family & Child Service are (from left) Michael Bowman, chairman; Francie Storm, president, JF & CS; Joanne Cummings and Lorne Wolfson.

And What Else Is New...

BOOK LAUNCHING

You are invited to the book launching of *World Through My Window* by **Rabbi Erwin Schild** Monday, Oct. 26, at 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Congregation. Guest speaker is **Prof. Irving Abella**, national president, Canadian Jewish Congress.

BAT MITZVAH DISCOVERY COURSE

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham is offering a Bat Mitzvah Discovery Course for girls going into bat mitzvah year. This is a hands-on heritage program. It will run Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 3 to Pesach. Register by Oct. 22. The number is 886-0420.

AISH HATORAH PROGRAMS

Aish HaTorah is presenting several interesting and educational programs—

Basics — A series of units to lay a foundation of Jewish understanding, featuring group discussion, multi-media and Torah sources. It begins Monday, Oct. 26, with Definitions. The time is 8 p.m. at the Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W.

The Next Step — Two new courses providing a deeper understanding of Jewish wisdom and practice, entitled The Torah: "In the beginning..." and Commandments: The Real Story. Both courses start Monday, Oct. 26, at 8 p.m. at Aish HaTorah Centre, 296A Wilson Ave.

The Learning Centre — This seven-week program focuses on women, featuring a variety of intellectually stimulating, challenging courses designed by Jewish women for Jewish women. The "Grand Opening" is Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W.

For information on all courses, call 636-7530.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon on Oct. 24 presents **Genya Intrator**, chairman, Beth Tzedec Soviet Jewry Committee, and journalist, who will give a report on her recent visit to the former U.S.S.R. entitled Do Jews Still Need Our Support?

The luncheon takes place at noon, following services. Reservations (paid) should be made no later than Tuesday, Oct. 20. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated. Call the synagogue office, 781-3511.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE BOOK SALE

Browse through thousands of new and used books at bargain prices at the University College annual fall book sale on the University of Toronto campus. Sale runs Oct. 24-28 and includes books on every topic under the sun. Rare books attract collectors and make unique Chanukah gifts.

All money raised supports the University College library. For detailed times and campus directions, call the UC Alumni office at 978-2968.

NCSY HAPPENINGS

NCSY's Night at the Improv — Saturday, Oct. 24, Junior NCSY will be having the First Amatuer Comedy Night for Grades 6-8 at 8:30 p.m. at B'nai Torah Congregation, 465 Patricia Ave. The melava malka will be presented by the Amateur Advisors as they do comedy karate, magic, juggling, and stand-up comedy routines. Those who want to perform must qualify before Oct. 16. For more information and to qualify, call 782-4426 and ask for **Glenn**.

NCSY Shabbaton — A senior regional Shabbaton for Grades 9-13 is planned for Friday, Oct. 30 to Sunday, Nov. 1, at Maple Lake Resort, Parry Sound, Ont. The cost is $130 including transportation. Students from all over Quebec and Ontario are invited to attend.

AT THE KOFFLER GALLERY

The Koffler Gallery announces the premiere of an exhibition of new sculptures and paintings by veteran abstractionist **Robert Hedrick** on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. Hedrick's commissions include the bronze entrance doors for Ottawa's External Affairs Building and the bronze altar doors and screens for Toronto's Temple Emanu-El. The exhibition continues through Nov. 26.

Velocity Shift, a photo installation by **Daniel Bowden**, also premieres Oct. 15 in the Loggia Gallery at 8 p.m. This is the premiere exhibition of High Junk, a 20-month curatorial project of solo or collaborative exhibitions by 16 artists belonging to the post Baby Boom generation. Velocity Shift continues through Nov. 26.

$10,000 IN CASH PRIZES

Temple Sinai Brotherhood's annual draw ($10,000 in cash prizes plus door prizes) will be held Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the temple. The evening consists of an open bar, hors d'oeuvres and full course dinner.

Tickets are $130 (partial income tax receipt). Proceeds help assist temple with projects such as children's attendance at Reform summer camps and visits to Israel. Call **Howard Zippan** at 445-0916 or **Lew Rasminsky** at 764-5166. VISA and Mastercard accepted.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION

Women's League for Conservative Judaism 1992 biennial convention will take place Nov. 15-19 at the Concord Hotel, when over 1,500 delegates from across the continent, Israel, England and South America will share four days dedicated to the modern Jewish woman. Gala festivities are planned as Women's League kicks off its 75th anniversary year-long celebrations.

A special experience is arranged on Sunday, Nov. 15, when the Ontario branch bus will take Ontario delegates to the Jewish Theological Seminary.

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At the Tuesday, Nov. 17, evening's program, Women of the '90s Face the 21st Century, recipients of the Woman of Distinction Award will discuss the status of women in their chosen fields. Among the panelists is **Neri Bloomfield**, Canadian philanthropist and activist.

For further information, contact **Evelyn English** at 781-8487 or **Jean Bernholtz** at 787-9039 or **Marlene White** at 731-2515.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

The Kosher Cooking School, sponsored by the Kashruth Council of Toronto, is presenting four Tuesday evening courses— Gourmet Cooking Made Easy (Series V2), Nov. 3; Convenience Meals (Series V17), Nov. 10; Italian Cooking (Series V12), Nov. 24; and International Cooking (Series V18), Dec. 1.

All courses take place at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. Charge is $15 per session. Call 635-9550 for information and registration details.

JF & CS FALL WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following fall workshops— For Women Only (self-esteem, communication, relationships and time management, begins Nov. 3); Adult Children Losing Parents (understanding the grief process, acceptance and growth, begins Oct. 28); Caring for Your Aging Parent (discuss aging and changing, realistic expectations, frustrations and coping strategies, time and stress management, begins Nov. 4); Surviving Separation and Divorce (discuss feelings such as anger, guilt and loneliness, coping with changes, letting go of the past and looking toward a new future, begins Nov. 3).

For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800.

EPILEPSY SUPPORT GROUP

An epilepsy support network is forming. The program will focus on sharing of experiences, stress management and creativity. For more information, call **Reisa Gula** at 889-7534.

TWO-PART LECTURE SERIES

Lifestyles Retirement Communities Donway Place Retirement Residence, 8 The Donway E., Don Mills, is presenting a two-part lecture series on Issues Leading Up To The Constitutional Referendum (Friday, Oct. 23), and The New Canada-Picking Up The Pieces (Friday, Nov. 20). Lecturer is York University professor **Joanne Burgess**. Admission is free but space is limited and early reservations are requested. Contact **Marlene White** at 445-7555.

at the JCC

The Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y Branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) is offering a two-day self-defence workshop called Wen-Do Sundays, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This is open to women only. The cost is $60 plus GST. Registration and payment must be made in advance. Call **Luni** at 924-6211.

for seniors

LZA Seniors Club Simchat Torah dance takes place Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Miami registration continues Wednesday mornings at 10. The Discussion Group meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and the Dance Goup gets together Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Activities take place at the Borochov Centre.

The Good Age Club of the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Bloor St. W., is screening a movie on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 2 p.m. and on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m. **George Frank** will entertain. Call **Luni** at 924-6211 for information.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club announces that the Lifeskills Discussion Group with **Harriet Sharkey**, co-sponsored by North York Board of Education, continues Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m. A luncheon is arranged Monday, Oct. 26, at 12:30 p.m. when a freilich Jewish film will be shown. Upcoming trips include Shaw Festival to see *Pygmalion* Oct. 28; Israel Purim trip March 1-22; Florida trips (information forthcoming shortly). For information on all programs and trips, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss, share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is Oct. 18 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre board room, 55 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For more information, call **Paula David** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

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At the **Wagman Centre** the drawing and painting class with **Elaine Sugar**, presented by the Creative Arts Program and North York Board of Education, will focus on Decocrative Arts of the West Coast Indians—design a decorative border and mask using West Coast Indian style on Thursdays, Oct. 22 and 29 from 1-3 p.m. Bingo is arranged for Sunday, Oct. 18, from 1-3 p.m.

Senior Adult Services of the JCC North Y branch is offering a Miami vacation at the Sans Souci Resort Hotel on the boardwalk, Jan 12-Feb. 2 (additional weeks available). It includes three kosher meals daily, health spa, trips, activities, all tips and much more. Call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 364.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events include— Saturday dance Oct. 17 from 7-10 p.m. (members free, non-members $1); Kawarthas Country Road Color Tour Oct. 22 for members only ($25); 13th anniversary dinner and dance with entertainment featuring a live band, kosher dinner, prizes and novelties, Sunday, Oct. 25, from 7-10 p.m. (members $18, non-members $20); 5-pin bowling for members to start soon; local day trips for members ($5). Call 636-7856 for information on all trips and activities.

Sunshine Travel Group 50 Plus is going to Stage Wests to see *The Best Little Whore House in Texas* Nov. 25. Registration is now open for the Florida trip leaving Jan. 12 for four, six, seven and eight weeks at the Colonnial Inn. For information, call **Sylvia** at 730-0503.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club is holding a Simchat Torah dance party with music by **Boris Naiman** Thursday, Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. at the B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. Tickets (no reservations) are $5 members, $7 non-members. Call 782-9432 or 635-5604.

Sunrise Group offers trips to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills Nov.2-6; Orlando super saver, Nov. 16-29; Miami for one or two months at Casablanca, Lombardy and Sassoun hotels; New Years in California Dec. 28-Jan. 7 featuring Rose Bowl Parade. Call **Esther** at 932-2534 or **Many** at 633-7463.

Travel Club is featuring a trip to Israel Nov. 17 plus three days in Rome. Call **Bernice** at 633-7034 or **Edith** at 638-3652.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

A new Elder Abuse Support Group, called Working Together For Change, will be starting Nov. 11. Please call **Sandra** or **Sheila** at 225-2112.

Miami trips offer choice of five hotels—Colonnial Inn, Marco Polo, Waikiki, Traymore, Tarleton. Call **Barbara Zigler** at 225-2112 for package details, dates, and prices.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking older adults meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. For information, call **Anna** at 225-2112.

If you like to sing Hebrew songs, join the new Hebrew choir every Friday at noon. For information, call **Anna** at above number.

The movie *Yankee Doodle Dandy* will be screened Sunday, Oct. 18, at 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, Oct. 18, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $3.50, non-members $4.

The Wednesday afternoon social Oct. 21 presents new talent **Catrin Rose**. The time is 1:30 p.m. Members $2.50, non-members $3.50.

About People

LAW SOCIETY MEDAL

Toronto lawyer **Bert Raphael** has been awarded the Law Society Medal for 1992. A senior partner with Paroian, Raphael, Courey, Cohen and Houston, Raphael is a past president of the Advocates' Society, a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the American College of Trial lawyers. He is associated with many charitable human rights and community organizations.

POEMS FOR MS WALK

Lyricist/poet Martin Kramer has written two new poems in recognition of **Laurie Dennett's** solo walk to raise funds for Multiple Sclerosis societies in several countries including Israel. The walk begins in England and will conclude in Israel in December. (*The CJN*, Sept. 17)

Kramer reports that the poems have been given to **Wally Crouter** to be read on his CFRB Morning Show. You can check with the radio station for the time.

TO HEAD DELEGATION TO ISRAEL

Evelyn Schacter, Canadian national chairman of State of Israel Bonds Women's Division, will head the 1993 Purim Delegation to Israel, taking place Feb. 28-March 10, with an optional five-day visit to Moscow, starting Feb. 24.

Evelyn Schachter

Under the theme back to the Future — Russia the Issues: Israel the Answers, the delegation will meet with members of the Jewish community in Moscow and visit points of Jewish interest in that city before going on to Israel.

In addition to her position with State of Israel Bonds, Evelyn Schachter is also an associate chairman of Women's Division in Montreal's Combined Jewish Appeal and is honorary vice-president of Montreal Hadassah-WIZO.

GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO has received a generous contribution from Clara and Leslie Reitman who have become Project Enrichment Donors. Esther Matlow (left), national president, presents sculpture to Clara Reitman as Leslie Reitman and Ilse Seetner look on.

WESTERBROOK STONES DEDICATED

Robert Engel, right, chairman of the Canadian section of Dutch concentration camp Workgroup Westerbrook 102000, recently presented a certificate to Jack Chisvin, left, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. At a recent meeting of the Federation's executive board, it was announced that 150 stones of the 102,000 in the monument were dedicated to the Federation "for the invaluable contribution in the realization of the field of honor on the assembly square of Camp Westerbrook." The monument was erected in memory of Dutch victims of the Holocaust. [Jay Brodbar photo]

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Organizations and People

Firestone heads up team to revive Ottawa Senators

By PAUL LUNGEN

OTTAWA —

Chances are when Bruce Firestone's Russian-born grandfather regaled him with stories about the Ottawa Senators' Stanley Cup exploits, he never imagined that his grandson would one day be trying to add to the team's impressive list of hockey accomplishments.

Yet today, 58 years after the franchise left the national capital — and pushed his grandfather into becoming a Montreal Canadiens fan — Firestone heads up an ownership team that has brought NHL hockey back to the people of Ottawa for the first time since 1934.

Fed on a diet of nine Stanley Cup wins in the franchise's 17-year NHL stint, Ottawa hockey fans have had to make do since then with junior hockey and the dream of one day rejoining the big league.

With the announcement two years ago that Ottawa was awarded one of two expansion franchises (Tampa Bay got the other), the people of Ottawa took to the new team with an enthusiasm and "an outpouring of warmth" that would surprise people in other cities, Firestone said.

And management made sure that the nationally-televised Oct. 8 home-opener against the Habs placed the Senators firmly within the tradition of success marked out in the 1920s and '30s.

To be sure, with a team stocked with young players and retreads from other NHL clubs, the 10th banner (more than any other team except Montreal and Toronto) will be a long time coming.

But Firestone believes that as governor and majority owner of the team, he has put in place a management team that will slowly but surely build a contender. "Our plan is to win a 10th Stanley Cup in seven to 12 years from now," he said.

To that end, he has hired ex-Flyer Mel Bridgman as general manager and ex-Jets and Rangers GM John Ferguson as director of player personnel. Rick Bowness, who last year coached the Boston Bruins, is the main man behind the Ottawa bench.

Firestone said that in putting that management team together, the Senators were looking for a group that would be together for a long time.

Success requires continuity, he said. "We wanted people young enough to stay and develop a winning organization. "We also wanted people with good heart."

By that he means people who are solid, if not flashy, and willing to think of the team versus their own egos.

With those provisoes in mind, the Senators concentrated on assembling a team based on youth, with a sprinkling of veterans tossed in for stability.

Alexei Yashin, the team's 19-year-old first round draft pick, will remain in Russia to develop his skills with Moscow Dynamo, Firestone said.

The fans in Ottawa are knowledgeable about hockey and they realize that building a successful team requires the patience to allow young players to develop, he said.

Firestone, who along with partner Rod Bryden owns 54 percent of the team through their company, the Terrace Corporation, said that despite the $57 million franchise fee, he expects the team will generate a profit this year.

(Ownership of the remaining 46 percent of the team rests with partnership group of 60 investors that includes Roger and Robert Greenberg, whose family owns Minto Construction, and Bill Shenkman, one of Firestone's friends.)

Playing in the 10,000-seat Ottawa Civic Centre, the team sold out within 10 days of tickets going on sale in December 1990. At an average price of $45 per ticket, Ottawa fans are paying the heftiest price in the NHL for the privilege of watching a professional game.

Firestone believes that Ottawa and other smaller Canadian cities can support a successful franchise even in times of escalating salary costs. Despite their large sizes, U.S. cities probably rely for ticket sales on a base of hard core hockey fans similar in size to Canadian cities, he suggested.

And people don't realize that 940,000 people live in the national capital region, he said. That figure soars to 1.7 million when you include residents within a 70-mile radius of the arena, he added.

There are approximately 35,000 businesses in the area on which to base corporate season ticket sales and a new $160 million arena will be available within two years of the start of construction. Though zoning has been approved, ironing out the final financial arrangements in a time of fiscal uncertainty is proving a roadblock to the start of construction, he said.

NCSY activities

TORONTO —

There is lots of excitement at National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY).

Junior NCSY will be having the First Amateur Comedy Night for grades 6-8, Sunday, Oct. 24, 8:30 p.m., at Bnai Torah Congregation, 465 Patricia. Amateur advisors will doo comedy karate, magic, juggling, and stand-up comic routine. At intermission, refreshments will be served.

If there are those who want to perform, they must qualify before Oct. 16. For more information and to qualify, call 782-4426 and ask for Glenn.

NCSY will be having a Senior Regional Shabbaton for grades 9-13 at Maple Lake Super Resort, Parry Sound, Ontario, Friday, Oct. 30 to Sunday, Nov. 1. The cost of $130 includes all transportation. Students from all over Quebec and Ontario are invited to attend. For more information, call Glenn, 782-4426.

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All classes start the week of October 26th except as noted.

SINGLES EVENTS

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(A.Y.J.A.) Association of Young Jewish Adults (formerly J.A.P.S.) is holding a fundraising event for the "Jay Feinberg Lukemia Fund" on October 25, 1992, at "Rockit", 120 Church Street. 8:00pm. Tickets $8.00 in advance, $10.00 at the door. For more information please call 760-4149. 11937

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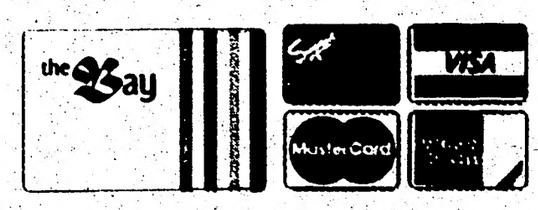

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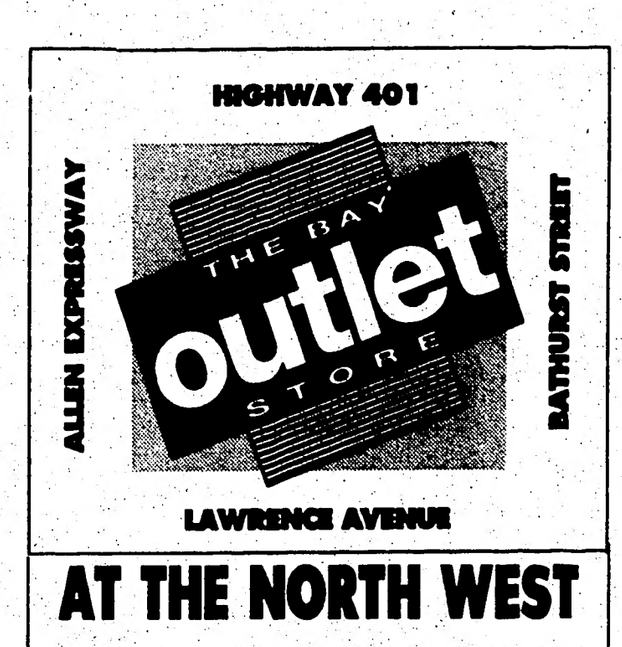

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Organizations and People

YAD VASHEM MEMORIAL

Canadian Society for Yad Vashem national co-chairman Joel Dimitry (left) and event chairman Alex Eisen (right) flank Rabbi Philip Scheim at last week's Yomim Noraim service at the Yad Vashem Holocaust monument in Earl Bales Park. The annual service marks the Ten Days of Awe and pays tribute to the Six Million. [Ron Csillag photo]

Canadian rises to top of BBYO

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

David Hochman has become the first Canadian elected as the B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) Grand Aleph S'gan (international vice-president). The 17-year-old south Winnipegger won the position for the 1992-93 year at BBYO's international convention.

Hochman's rise in BBYO began when he joined the organization three years ago. "I was challenged go go to a summer camp where we were taught about the organization and challenged to set goals and see them through," he recalls.

He has held several positions in the local organization, including that of Manitoba president of AZA in 1991-92. In his new position on the international board, he is responsible for worldwide programming and coordinating the 1993 international convention.

"A Canadian on the board adds a true international perspective," Hochman noted. "Americans tend to forget this is an international organization at times. As well, Canadians can relate better to members from other countries than Americans can."

He said that there is usually a Canadian elected to the board every second year. The other board members are all Americans.

In addition to his BBYO activities, including community service, Hochman was a member of Manitoba's western Canadian champion water polo team in 1990. His career goal is to become a cardiovascular surgeon.

In other BBYO news, Marla Adelberg has been appointed regional director for Manitoba. She has been involved in the organization as volunteer and advisor for the past six years.

Adelberg has a Masters of Science degree in family studies from the University of Manitoba. Most recently she worked on the ongoing Winnipeg Jewish Community Council Campus campaign. (Campus is the new Jewish high school and community centre being planned for south Winnipeg.)

The new director said her goal is to increase BBYO membership in Winnipeg from about 250 last year to over 300, as well as to maintain the membership's level of community service. The BBYO is now affiliated with the YMHA Jewish Community Centre.

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In recognition of major contributors who subscribe to ten tickets, the sculptor Anne Harris has agreed to design a limited edition kiddush cup. The goal is to obtain 50 patrons who will show their solidarity with Chabad Lubavitch and take a leadership position in the campaign.

Joey M. Tanenbaum, who successfully spearheaded the Debt Retirement Drive, has agreed to serve as chairman of special gifts.

The campaign will culminate with a gala reception Dec. 9, at the Sheraton Centre, where the Richman brothers will be feted in recognition of their support and leadership.

The draw will award $32,000 in prize money; $18,000 represents the first prize. The subscription is $250 per ticket.

THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past two years, federal, provincial, territorial and Aboriginal leaders have consulted with thousands of Canadians and concerned groups from coast to coast. These consultations included Royal Commissions, participatory conferences, parliamentary hearings, and hearings in the provinces and territories held by provincial and territorial legislatures. Federal, provincial, territorial and Aboriginal leaders have agreed unanimously on August 28, 1992 in Charlottetown on a package of constitutional proposals that recognizes the equality of all Canadians and represents all of our interests. The agreement is now before Canadians.

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The agreement proposes that the new Constitution would contain a statement of key economic and social objectives shared by all of the governments in the federation. The objectives include comprehensive, universal, portable, accessible and publicly administered health care, adequate social services and benefits, high quality primary and secondary education and reasonable access to post-secondary education, collective bargaining rights and a commitment to protecting the environment. The economic policy objectives to be entrenched would be aimed at strengthening the Canadian economic union; the free movement of persons, goods, services, and capital; ensuring full employment and a reasonable standard of living for all Canadians; ensuring sustainable and equitable development.

Avoiding Overlap and Duplication

Exclusive provincial jurisdiction would be recognized in the areas of forestry, mining, tourism, housing, recreation, municipal affairs, cultural matters within the province, and labour market development and training. In addition, to ensure the two levels of government work in harmony, the government of Canada commits to negotiating agreements with the provinces in areas such as immigration, regional development and telecommunications. Federal-provincial agreements on any subject could be protected by the Constitution from unilateral change.

Distinct Society

The new Canadian Constitution would recognize the distinct nature of Quebec, based on its French language, unique culture and civil law tradition.

In the reformed Parliament, the Senate would reflect the equality of the provinces while the House of Commons would be based more on the principle of representation by population. As well, various provinces would be assured a minimum amount of seats in the House of Commons.

Parliamentary Reform

The proposed Senate would be made up of six elected senators from each province and one from each territory. Additional seats would provide representation for Aboriginal peoples. The reformed Senate's powers should significantly increase the role of the elected Senators in the policy process.

The proposals recognize that Aboriginal peoples have an inherent right to self-government and that the Constitution should enable them to develop self-government arrangements and to take their place in the Canadian federation. The proposals recognize Aboriginal governments as one of the three constitutionally recognized orders of government in Canada. In addition, the proposals provide for a negotiation process between Aboriginal leaders and provincial and federal governments to put this right into effect. The recognition of the inherent right would not create any new rights to land, nor dilute existing treaty rights.

Aboriginal Self-Government

Now that Canada's federal, provincial, territorial and Aboriginal leaders have reached a consensus, it is the right of all Canadians to understand the new proposals. Call the toll-free number below to receive an easy-to-read booklet on the new constitutional agreement or a complete text.

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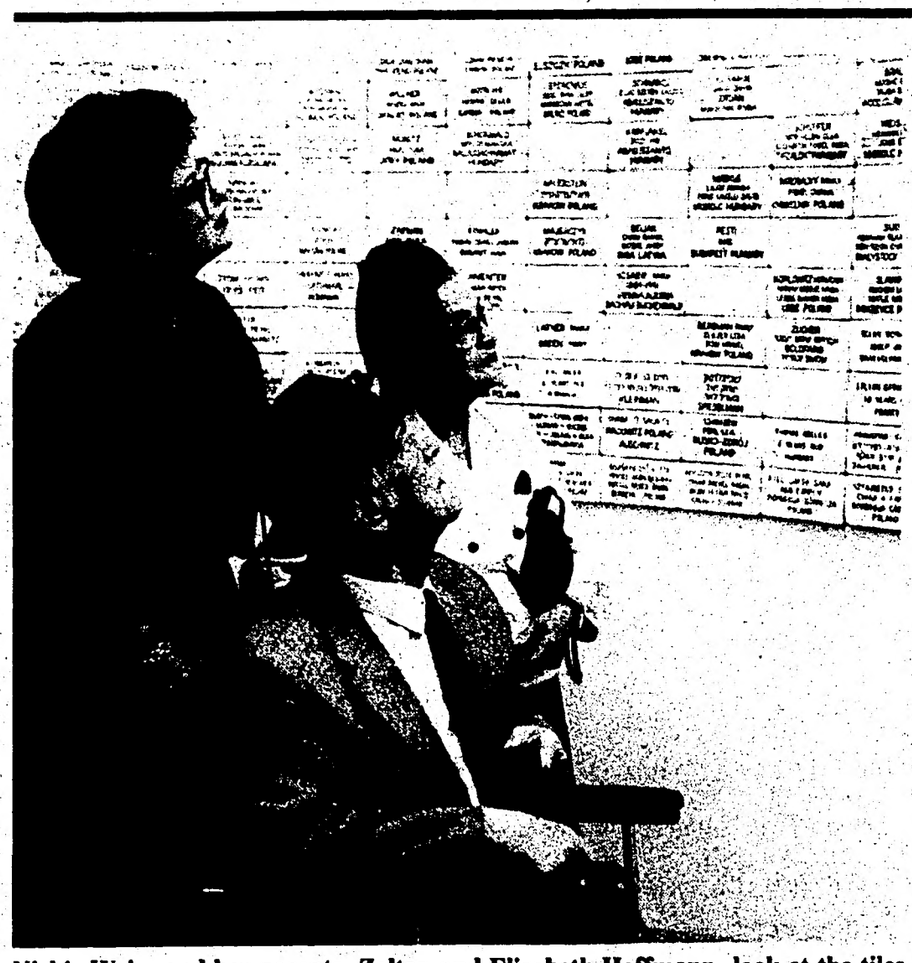

Nickie Weisz and her parents, Zoltan and Elizabeth Hoffmann, look at the tiles in the Holocaust Education Centre's Memorial Hall. Weisz donated three tiles, on behalf of her parents, in memory of relatives who perished in the Holocaust. [Alron photo]

Memory of Holocaust victims honored with new memorial tiles

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

An estimated 400 people crowded into the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre in the Lipa Green building for a recent service to honor the memory of Holocaust victims.

Over 130 tiles were unveiled in memory of Holocaust victims on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, bringing the number of memorial tiles in the centre's Memorial Hall to about 1,000.

The dedication of one of the most recent tiles followed the discovery of a particularly poignant letter written by a Hungarian Jew in 1942, following his deportation. Excerpts of the letter were read during the ceremony.

"With a heavy heart but resigned to G-d's sacred will...I am writing down my wishes since I have to consider that anything can happen to me. With a humble heart I ask the good Lord to bless His children and to protect us and to give strength to my family and to every Jew.

"First of all I ask for forgiveness if I ever offended Him. I ask the Almighty to overlook my mistakes and take me into His sacred protection....

"I love the baby you are carrying under your heart already...."

The letter, written in Hungarian, was signed Yakov Blum, in Hebrew. It had been forwarded to a brother in Palestine, and came into the possession of Blum's older daughter this summer.

Ariella Samson, the daughter who was not yet born when her father wrote the letter, has dedicated a tile in his memory. Szigmond (Yakov) Blum perished in 1943 at the age of 39. Jules Samson, Ariella's husband, who is a child survivor of Bergen-Belsen, read excerpts from the letter at the service.

"This letter represents many, many more letters written by individuals in the same circumstances," said Pnina Spetgang, director of the centre. What impressed her about the letter was that Blum "did not lose faith at all. It's amazing the amount of faith he had."

The brief memorial service included the recitation of K'el Maleh Rachamim and the Kaddish by Cantor Louis Danto, as well as remarks by Anita Ekstein and Elly Gotz, co-chairmen of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre.

The centre, established in 1985, is a testament to pre-war European Jewry which has been visited by numerous individuals and groups of students.

The memorial hall, a small white circular chamber which can accommodate 6,000 tiles in all, was designed as a place for remembrance, meditation and prayer. On a sunny day it is filled with natural light from highly placed windows, in contrast to the duskiness characterizing the rest of the centre.

Unveiling ceremonies are held twice yearly, before Yom Kippur and, again, following Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day).

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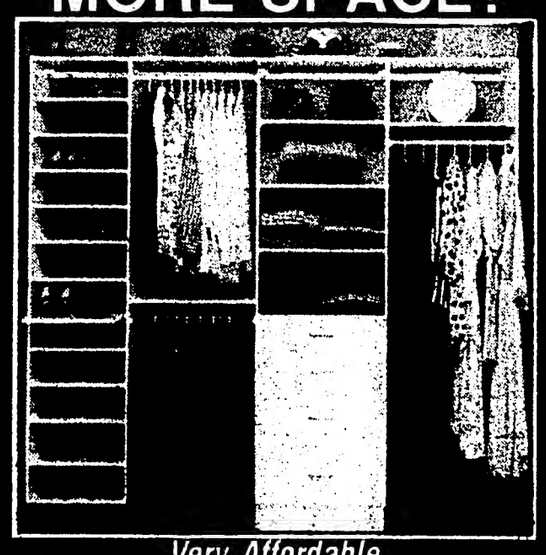
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Jewish performers take to stage

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Take Zalmen Mlotek the creator of the Broadway hit *Those Were The Days*, add a host of local Jewish performers and musicians and you have the ingredients of what will be the first concert of its kind in Toronto.

Mlotek will be working with many of the artists in workshops for three days, and will organize and lead a band of musicians. The result should be the Toronto equivalent of the much-loved *Those Were The Days*, which played at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

The concert titled *The Jewish Experience Through Music, Song and Story* will be held Thursday, Oct. 29, at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue at 8 p.m. under sponsorship of the Jewish Artists Scholarship Society. According to Gloria Valentine, president and artistic director of JASS, this is the group's first opportunity to introduce a host of new, talented artists to a wider, Jewish audience.

She is ecstatic that Mlotek, a towering figure on the Broadway Yiddish musical scene, and a member of a New York family that is renowned for recovering and reviving Yiddish folk and popular music, is lending his talents to the show.

Variety of artists

To make it possible for as many as possible to hear and see what Mlotek can create with these performers, the admission price is only $7 and reservations are possible by calling 889-4192. The concert is co-sponsored by The Friends of Yiddish and the continuing education committee of Beth Emeth. Tickets will go on sale the night of the concert at 7 p.m.

Among the local artists taking part are Harvey Atkins, Batsheva, Naomi Bell, Corinne Copnick, Jenny Eisenstein, Allan Farkas, Nat Garnick, Brian Katz, Faye Kellerstein, Jordan Klapman, Rick Kardonne, Tex Konig, Michael Lebovic, Fanny Levitan, Allan Merovitz, Jay Miller, Honey Novick, Leslie Robbins, Bluma Schonbrun and Gloria Valentine.

Songs and skits will be in Yiddish, Hebrew, Ladino and English.

The master class workshops with Mlotek will be held Oct. 26-28, at the Beth Emeth, 1-3 p.m. and 7:30 -9:30 p.m. The price for the classes is $20 per half hour session for registered JASS artists, $35 for others. For a fee of $25 auditors may attend all sessions over the three days. The workshop fee allows performers to sit in on all sessions.

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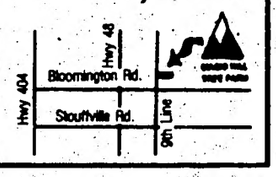

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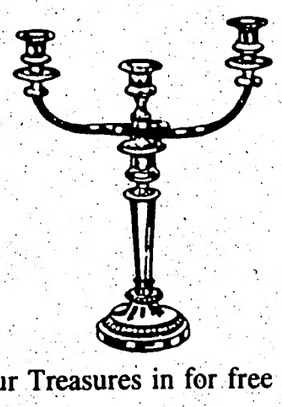
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By BERNARD BASKIN

The New Year and Books

From time to time, concerned men and women ask me how they are to find time for reading. This, of course, is a constant problem in our complex, many-sided modern world. It is helpful, however, to keep in mind a simple reckoning. The average reader, when dealing with material of medium difficulty, can absorb about 300 words a minute. In 15 minutes this comes to 4,500 words. Fifteen minutes a day over a year gives us 1,512,000 words, the equivalent of 20 books averaging 75,000 words each. Fifteen minutes a day over a period of 50 years of sustained reading means that we can read 1,000 books in our lifetime.

Sir William Osler, famous Canadian physician and humanist, made it an unfailing habit to read for 15 minutes past his regular retiring time, no matter at what time he went to bed or where he found himself. There should be no trouble for anyone to find at least 15 minutes or a half-hour every day for reading. Such an unfailing, disciplined regimen is the only way to do it.

Most of the great religions have been founded on a book. In fact, the word Bible itself comes from the Latin word biblia and means book. The role of the book in religion and life is indispensable. Great books, classical books, are as lighthouses erected in the sea of time.

Books are tickets of admission into the world of imagination. They can dilate our minds, enlarge our sympathies, remove from us some prejudice or smallness of mind and provide light into the dark nooks and crannies of our personality. They can help us commune with better minds than our own, lay hold upon better ideas than we now process. They provide the best antidote against alienation.

In recent years many predictions have been made about the demise of the book. I find it difficult to accept these baleful predictions. I don't think they are true and I certainly hope they are not. For, if television is going to take over as the prime mode of entertainment and communication with its crass commercialism, with its tendency to reach out for the lowest common denominator, with its pervasive cultural and intellectual homogenization, then we are in for a pretty bad time indeed.

Many religions founded on a book

No matter how sophisticated and how specialized new methods of communication become, even when space satellites are able to relay information to us from all parts of the globe, even when astonishing learning machines threaten to replace the textbook, even then books will remain.

Why?

Because in an increasingly depersonalized culture, books permit private communication between one individual and another. Recently, I saw an inspired cartoon. Two women are engaged in conversation, "have you read such and such a book?" To which the other responds, "Not personally." Why do we find this ludicrous? Because reading, if nothing else, remains a private action, that one must perform personally or not at all.

Publishers have discovered that Jews, are book buyers and readers. As a result, books on every aspect of Judaism now appear in profusion. What was a drought only a few decades ago has now become a flood. Offering delight and information they are available for every purse, taste and interest.

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Nemtzov gives works texture to bring his subjects to life

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Looking back at his childhood, portrait painter David Nemtzov recalls that he always wanted to draw and paint.

Now in his mid-50s, and after several detours in his multi-talented activities — visual arts and music — the slim, quiet-spoken artist has thrown himself into the passion of his life, creating fine portraits in oil on canvas.

His subjects range in age from infants to people in their 90s. He approaches each subject with the same tenacious desire to achieve a life-like image but his love of children is reflected in his paintings of the young.

As he speaks of his paintings, each one detail by detail, his eyes light up with excitement. There is something spiritual about his works which have an Old Master quality.

To attain perfect skin tones, he applies dozens of layers of paint. The texture of hair looks so real that you want to run your hands through it. And the subject's eyes are penetrating and alive. To achieve these effects, Nemtzov says he spends hundreds of hours studying his work before proceeding each day.

Recently, Nemtzov's paintings were on exhibit at the Yorkville Library Gallery on Yorkville Avenue in Toronto. His painting of John F. Kennedy was presented to the Kennedys in 1961. He painted the late Cantor Moshe Koussevitzky. His painting hung in the cantor's home, and he painted violin virtuoso, Yehudi Menuhin.

Among his portraits of Gedolim and Tzaddikim are the Bostoner Rebbe, the Steipler Gaon, Rav Yaakov Yisroel Kanievski and the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Lithographs were made of the Rebbe's painting and they were sold around the world. And he has created exquisite portraits of individuals and children for private collections.

Studied at Telshe Yeshiva

Born in England, Nemtzov's family moved to the United States in 1949 when the budding artist was 11 years old. He studied at the Telshe Yeshiva in Cleveland and the Cleveland Institute of Art. While pursuing his religious studies at Kolel Gur Argye Institute of Higher Learning in Brooklyn, Nemtzov owned an art studio in New York City. For 20 years he worked in graphic arts and also served as a cantor, including a stint in Ottawa.

After moving to Toronto in 1972, Nemtzov did graduate work at the Ontario College of Art and turned to full-time portrait painting. His commissioned portraits have been exhibited in several exhibitions including, the North York Public Library, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagoue. Recently, Toronto businessman Meyer Weinstock commissioned Nemtzov to paint a portrait of Rabbi Shach of Israel.

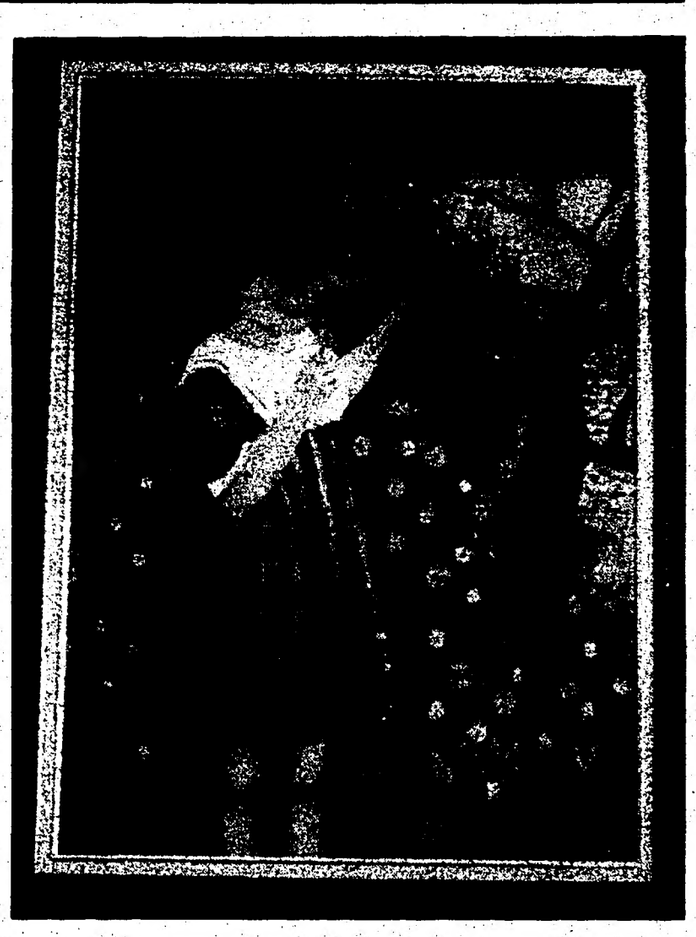
Working mainly from photos in his North Toronto studio/home, (416) 661-0838, Nemtzov cuts and pastes his prospective subject and background until he achieves just the right proportions.

"My philosophy," says Nemtzov, "is that a painted portait must go beyond the photograph. A photograph is often flat, a painting must have depth — it must bring out a three dimensional effect. It must be life-like." Nemtzov says that he thinks of himself as a sculptor. For religious reasons, there is a prohibition on sculptures (against graven idols) so he achieves the sculpted look in his paintings, which are allowed.

One of his special commissions was a recently completed portrait of a young girl with her dolls. The grandparents, who commissioned the painting, were "so happy" with Nemtzov's creation. And on his easel is a large portrait of his twin grandsons, 1½ years old, which he is going to present as a gift to his only daughter, L'via Weisinger.

The price of his paintings are determined by size and detail and begin at $1,500. Nemtzov says he selected oils on canvas "because these portraits last for years and become family heirlooms."

A member of the Toronto Council of Hazzanim, each year Nemtzov is the cantor at the B'Nai Abraham Synagogue in Winnipeg for the High Holy Days. Despite his busy schedule, Nemtzov studies Talmud every day and visits his parents in Miami Beach, Florida — his father is a retired cantor/rabbi and his mother is a retired nursery school director — twice a year.



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Travel

New York a real family treat

By SYLVIA CHARLES

NEW YORK —

Laughing uproariously, all the hotel operator could think of saying before she made our room bookings for New York City was "Good luck." It was the first time, she said, that she ever heard of someone's mother and mother-in-law staying in the same room!

I think my mother's most recent trip was her post-war cruise to Canada from Czechoslovakia. My mother-in-law, on the other hand, just visited New York last year. Yet, in spite of their differences, we're all still talking. With no particular agenda to follow, the mothers willingly went everywhere we took them. And without complaining.

We drove into New York City from Secacusus, N.J. in the comfort of our van. After parking for an astronomical $19.56, we hit the streets. For someone new to New York City, it's a rather intimidating place. My mother was in a trance-like state, disbelieving the guys with orange spiked hair, the never-ending sirens and the overwhelming filth. In contrast, my mother-in-law marvelled at what she referred to as the "living museum." Yet they both lived it in their own way.

My mother-in-law's exhaustive search for a grandson's special brand of sunglasses had us shlepping through dozens of tacky and not-so-tacky Broadway stores. We found oases in the opulent hotel lobbies of some of New York's tallest skyscrapers. They have luxurious seating and are superb for people-watching (as well as having clean, spacious washrooms, an important consideration in New York City).

It was thrilling introducing my mother to Broadway. One night we saw *Miss Saigon* ($15 a seat in the nosebleeds, no elevators available), but you can rest at each landing and lobby. So make sure you leave yourself plenty of time for the ascent. Another night, the current Broadway hit *Falsettos* (a play about a variety of relationships in a contemporary Jewish family) regaled us. You had to be Jewish, or you might have constructed the humor as racist.

Jewish cultural heritage tour

The following day, we embarked on our "Jewish cultural heritage tour" by heading for Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. The newly restored museum on the island is a must-see for any immigrant to the United States or Canada in the last century, or for that matter, anyone interested in modern American history. My mother-in-law said she could feel her heart pounding as she was overwhelmed by memories of her parents' reminiscences, treading in the same steps that they had taken some 90 years earlier.

The trunks and bags on exhibit, stuffed with down comforters, pillows and other intimate relics of home were identical to the luggage brought to the "new country" by my parents when they landed in Quebec City some 45 years ago. My mother heartily empathized with the moving immigrants' tales on display as we strolled around the museum.

In keeping with our newly created focus, we decided to go further back to our roots. Off we drove to the seedy (according to my mother), Lower East Side and its Tenement Museum, housed in an 1863 building at 97 Orchard St. Sandwiched in amongst buildings of similar vintage and size (25 feet by 100 feet), this museum was home to an estimated 10,000 people from 25 nations during 1863-1935. As we made our way through the windowless hallways, we could vividly imagine how our grandparents must have felt living in such close confines.

The multi-ethnic descendants of those pioneers were still in evidence as we shuffled from shop to shop bargaining for "better deals" from vendors in cramped stalls brimming with everything imaginable. Filthier, noisier, and cheaper tham our Spadina Avenue, its newly arrived Russians, Israelis, Pakistanis, Puerto Ricans vied with each other to entice us to their bargains in broken English. It seems that times haven't changed that much from the pedlars of the turn of the century.

In deference to my mother's kosher needs, we had dinner at the Second Avenue Deli. Molly Picon originals adorned the walls, bustling waitresses gave recommendations and brought humongous portions preceded by the obligatory coleslaw and thick, crusty rye bread. My mother revelled at the lockshin kugel (almost as good as hers, she said).

It sounds like a relentless pace. But it wasn't. We spread it out over a week. We were constantly reassured that everyone had their needs met. Not only did we learn about our Jewish roots, but also we learned about our personal ones. Having our mothers with us for a week, gave us invaluable insight into ourselves. But that's another story.

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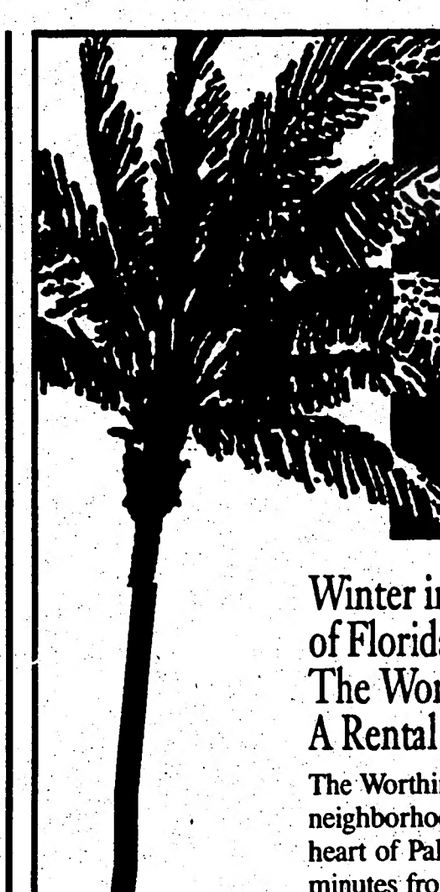

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Phuket, Thailand provides ideal getaway for some R&R

By BARBARA KINGSTONE

I was in Phuket, Thailand, less than an hour when I decided that this small island was the perfect getaway, especially if you have been in Bangkok and looking for R & R.

Located off the southwest coast of Thailand, in the Tropic zone, it's linked to the mainland by a causeway making it accessible by car although the modern airport has direct links with Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong.

With a population of just over 170,000 this 21 km wide by 48 km long island has such a great variety of culture and magnificent scenery that stories about visitors who have come and never left abound.

Known for the many resorts that sit on the Andaman Sea on choice unspoilt white, sandy, but public beaches, they attract the rich and famous who come because they think they have found the ideal hideaway.

It's not the locals who care or know who some of these well known figures are, but the paparazzi who follow these stars, royals and socialites who make the international news. In a strange way, these photo ops have made Phuket a recognizable name on this side of the Pacific.

Certainly on the A list is Amanpuri on Pansea Beach, having hosted rock stars and their new girl friends and duchesses and their blossoming liaisons.

One of the most convenient and modern hotels, however, is the Kata Thani Resort Hotel on Kata Noi Beach on the southwest coast. From here, it's a 20-minute drive over some bumpy roads to Patong Beach, on the west coast — a town that never closes down. Day and night markets are expected and found lining the main street.

Phuket Town is an architect's dream. Here, just wandering along the small town's side streets are fine examples of the colorful Sino- Portuguese-style buildings.

Since rubber is one of the main products (along with tin), the trees with their cups and stoppers are easily viewed from the roadside as are the by-products hanging on clothes lines before they go off to the major factories.

Another big industry is cashew nuts. After visiting one of the factories, I have a new respect for that small shelled edible, or rather for the women who sit for hours each day and laboriously shell the nuts by hand.

Other than the unfortunate renaming (it was Khao Phingkan), another visitor's great destination is James Bond Island in Phang Nga Bay with jagged and hauntingly stunning rock formations. The name, you might ask, comes from the fact that the movie, *The Man With The Golden Gun*, was partly shot on location here.

A 2½ hour water cruise from Phuket Town also includes Panyee, a village that is literally built on stilts. The 1,000 people who live, work and go to school (it's compulsory for children to go to school for six years) walk on pathways of wooden slats high above the water. It's certainly not for the faint of heart since many of the wood "streets" are in disrepair and shaky . . . "adding to the color," my guide said as I clung to his arm.

The merchants who often have their stalls in front of their living quarters, bring in their products and the village drinking water, from the mainland. It has become a major tourist attraction and with good reason. It's picturesque and dramatically different.

Back on the mainland is a small Malaysian community known as the Sea Gypsy Village located on the east coast. The living conditions haven't changed much since the small community started. The 20th Century seems to have passed them by, by choice. Children aren't encouraged to attend school and time hasn't changed the prime occupation of fishing.

Although it's hard not to feel like a voyeur, the 120 inhabitants don't seem to mind, nor do they seem aware of your presence.

Full day excursion: Phang Nga Bay tour includes Phang Nga Bay and Aoluk Bay. You'll see wonderful limestone islands, some 300 metres high plus magnificent stalactites caves. A visit to Panyee Island, the Thum Lod grotto and James Bond Island. Approximately $38 including bus.

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TRAVEL TALK

By LEN BUTCHER

I know what you've been saying over your toasted bagel and coffee the past few weeks. Where's the **Butcher Man?** Have they finally wisened up at **The CJN** and thrown that ne'er-do-well out? Are we finally rid of his ramblings and fantasies about **Kim Basinger?**

Wrong on both counts, ye of little faith. While you've been shmoozing and noshing (and yes, I admit, fasting) your humble servant has been slaving over a hot press trying to bring you the latest news while working on very short deadlines.

Even our esteemed editor, the **Dragon Lady** has been impressed and more than once gave me a keep-up-the-good-work pat on the head as she went mumbling by. She seems to mumble a lot these days. Maybe it's the referendum, or maybe she's just losing it. I'll keep you posted.

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And speaking of keeping you posted, listen to this. **Fisher Fremont Travel**, in conjunction with the **Venture Program** at the **University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies**, is planning an archaeological trip to **Israel.**

Called **Dig Into The Past: The World Of The Phoenicians**, it will concentrate on the basics of archaelogical fieldwork by participating in the excavation of **Achziv**, a **Pheonician** site on the coast of **Israel.**

The tour will be headed by none other than **Alex Gropper, Toronto's** answer to **Indiana Jones.** Actually, **Gropper**, an archaeologist, lecturer, teacher, filmmaker and journalist, is president of the **Society for Mediterranean Studies** and has been organizing tours for members of the **U of T's** adult education class in archaeology since 1978.

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Business Outlook

Profesionals urged to invest in Israel

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Several hundred lawyers, accountants and investment counselors gathered recently at a downtown hotel for a joint UJA program in which they were invited to encourage their clients to consider business opportunities in Israel.

Investing in Israel is not a matter of charity, said Canadian businessman David Azrieli. It makes good business sense.

Azrieli suggested that Canadian businesspeople considering investment in Israel should stick to the area they know best. In his case, he said, it was shopping centre development. In 1985 he opened the Canion Ayalon shopping centre in Ramat Gan and in 1990 followed that up with the Canion Hanegev in Beersheva.

The Ramat Gan mall produces higher sales per square foot than Canadian or American shopping centres, Azrieli said.

A third mall, with 180 stores, will open on March 16, 1993 in Jerusalem and is already fully leased, he added.

"The opportunities are there," Azrieli said, adding that projects can be fully financed in Israel on favorable terms.

Retired U.S. Air Force general Harold Johnson, a senior vice-president with the Fairchild Corporation, told the meeting that the high tech corporation chose to invest in Israel because of its strong research and development base.

Israel has people who work hard and who are highly educated, he said. Fairchild also took advantage of attractive government incentive programs and it was able to raise its funds in Israel.

Johnson said Fairchild is projecting sales of $46.8 million in 1998, generating $11 million in profits — thanks in large part to an Israeli tax holiday in the high tech industry involved.

Benjamin Noy, head of the Israel Economic Mission to Canada, outlined economic factors making Israel an attractive location for investment.

The country's gross domestic product has grown about 5.5 percent per year in 1991 and 1992, he said. It has a stable, educated, multilingual and motivated workforce with one of the highest proportions of engineers to total population anywhere in the world.

With free trade agreements with the United States, the European Community and with other European nations like Sweden, Austria and Switzerland, Israel can serve as a duty-free bridge to all these markets, he said.

Israel provides attractive grants and incentive programs for investment and it has reduced bureaucratic interference on investment, he added.

Newly appointed Consul General Dror Zeigerman said investment in Isral is important in helping integrate olim and keeping Israel a Jewish state.

Investment in Israel was the theme of a recent UJA program in which several hundred lawyers, accountants and investment counsellors heard the benefits of doing business in the Jewish state. Among the evening's speakers were (from left) businessman David Azrieli, Israel Consul General Dror Zeigerman, Fairchild Corporation vice-president Harold Johnson and Benjamin Noy, head of the Israel Economic Mission's office in Toronto. [Graphic Artists photo]

Neil Nisker, who is 1993 campaign co-chairman along with Bernard Ghert, said the current UJA campaign has already raised $19.2 million, an increase of $2.8 million, or 17 percent, over last year's totals at the same time.

Lawrence Bloomberg, chairman of the evening's program, noted that the accountants, lawyers and investments divisions account for 15 percent of the money raised by UJA in Toronto. Over the past five to six years, the divisions have raised more than $25 million, he said.

Stephen Freedhoff, co-chairman of the professional divisions cabinet, concluded the program by thanking the speakers.

Genetic testing seen for insurance

TORONTO —

Genetic testing for life insurance applicants will benefit all life insurance policyholders, and may ultimately lead to lower insurance costs, according to the Life Underwriters Association of Toronto (LUAT).

"If genetic testing is introduced for life insurance, the results will give us a much better idea of the applicant's health and potential risk," says Ted B. Snider, president, LUAT. "Like other tests conducted by life insurance companies — such as blood, urine and saliva tests — DNA testing will be conducted with the strictest standards of privacy."

Genetic testing analyzes a person's DNA which carries genetic information that determines characteristics such as eye color and body size, and the possibility that they may contact certain diseases. Two thousand genes have been identified to date, but scientists predict that all 100,000 of them will be mapped early in the next century.

"Life insurance companies conduct medical examinations in order to determine the applicant's risk," Snider sayd. "If everyone was allowed to buy life insurance — no matter what their health — the cost of life insurance would be astronomical. If we can use genetic testing to get more thorough results, it could lead to lower insurance costs.

"On the other hand, genetic testing may allow people to get life insurance who would not normally be eligible," Snider sayd. "For example, if hereditary disease such as Huntington's chorea runs in your family, you will have a hard time getting insurance. But genetic testing might show that you will not get the disease. In that case, you might then be eligible for life insurance."

At present, no life insurance companies in Canada use genetic testing. Life insurance companies in Holland have introduced guidelines on genetic screening. California is developing legislation to regulate the use of genetic testing by life insurance companies.

"Genetic testing for life insurance is still many years away," Snider said. "The cost now runs at about $1,000 for each test. That makes it too expensive for insurance companies to use for each policy applicant.

"Currently, there is an international project underway — called the Human Genome Project — to identify and catalogue every gene in the human body. When that project is complete, genetic testing will become more common."

In Canada, Privacy Commissioner Bruce Phillips recently released a report called *Genetic Testing and Privacy*, which raised concerns that genetic testing will infringe on individual privacy.

"Genetic testing is a complex issue both from a social and political perspective," Snider says. "As an industry, we want to work together with government, the medical community, and the public, to ensure that genetic testing is used fairly and ethically."

Some of the issues to be addressed will include:

- Who would have access to the results of genetic tests? For example, should an employer have the right to access genetic test results held by an insurance company? Should the state have access?
- Should the insurance company reveal all the details of the test to the policy applicant? What if the policy applicant doesn't want to know the results?

"Although genetic testing will not be used by life insurance companies in Canada for a number of years, it's important that we get started now to develop the guidelines, policies and legislation that will make the most sense for everyone involved."

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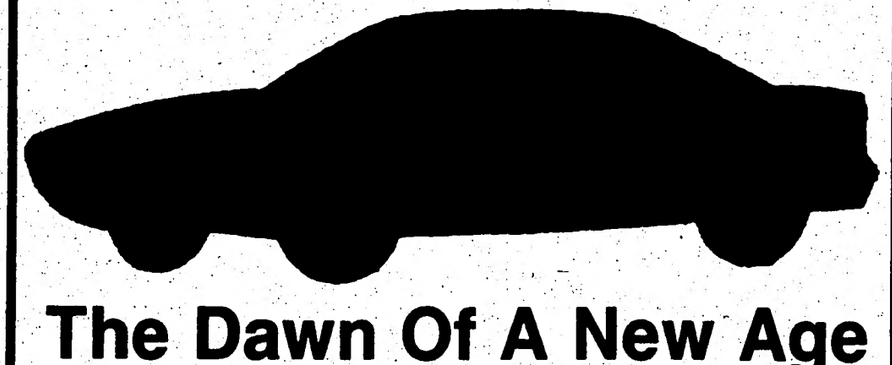
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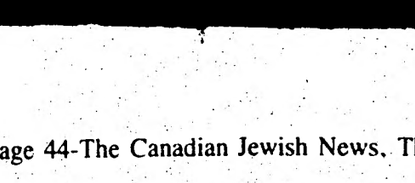

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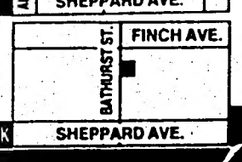

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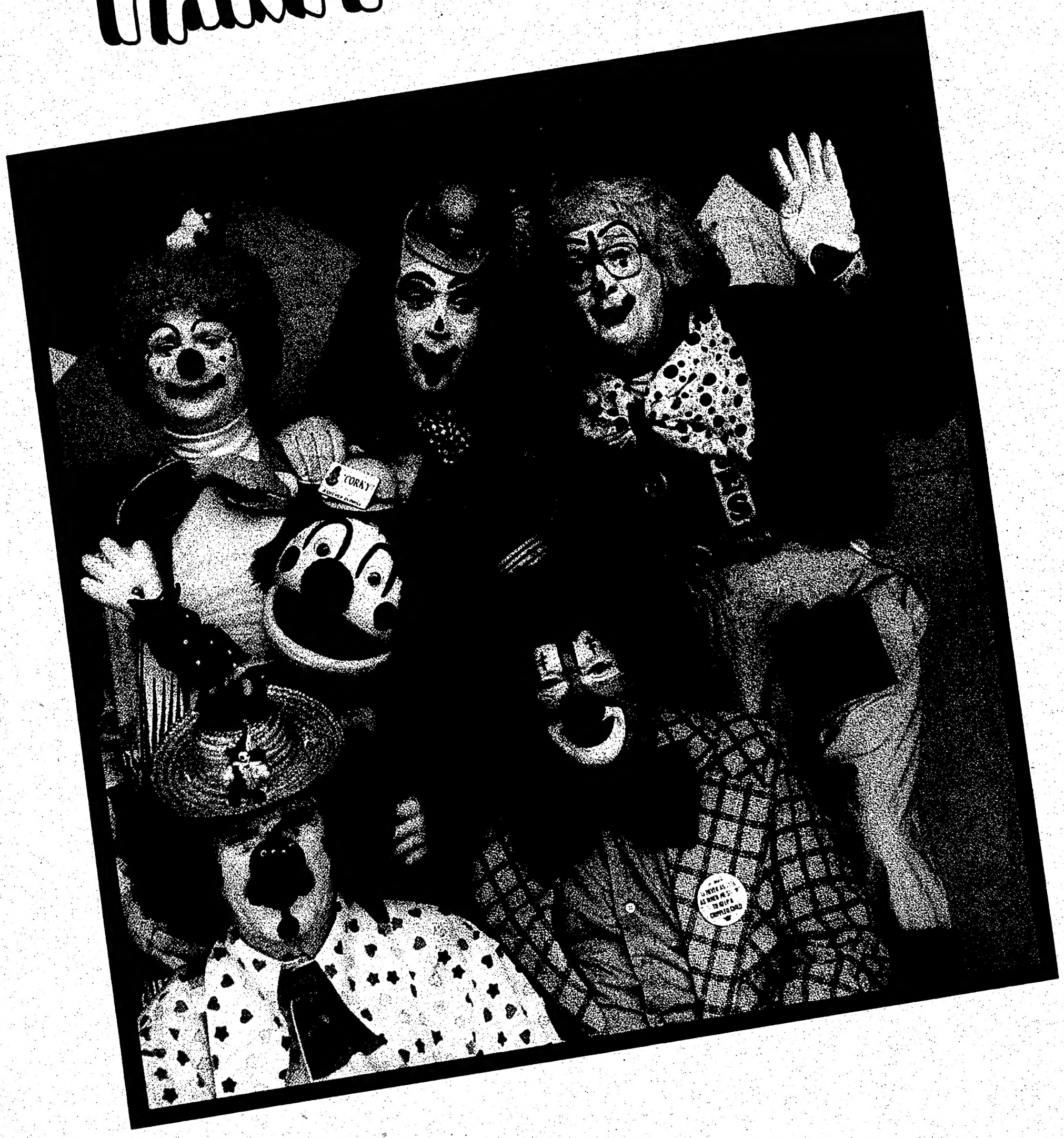

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"There is no place like the Old Mill, it is so unique," said Helen Weech, catering manager. "The American visitors, especially, are in absolute awe when they come here." Weech has been at the Old Mill for 18 years.

'It's got beautiful gardens, so you can take photos without travelling to another park. It's in a very convenient location, half a block from Bloor Street, yet not highly visible. Part of its character is its setting," Weech said. "It's Toronto's best kept secret."

The beautiful gardens lie just beneath the skeletal remains of the stone wall, destroyed by a fire in 1881 and declared a historical landmark. In 1914 a tea room was built and since then the place has grown into a 17-banquet room facility, incorporating the Tudor style of the original tea room.

The beauty of the Old Mill is renowned and film crews find it a perfect setting. Just recently an episode of Fox's new TV show, *Class of 96,* was filmed there.

The Kalmars, who acquired the Old Mill in June 1991, are now introducing the Old Mill to Toronto's Jewish community.

"The Old Mill is not new to the Jewish market," Kalmar said, explaining that in the '30s its dancehall was frequented by many Jews. "It's just been forgotten about over the past 60 years."

Kalmar said that last July the Old Mill hosted a very successful Jewish wedding. "The rave reviews we got prompted me to promote ourselves in the wedding/bar mitzvah market. Weddings have always been a part of what we did, so we've decided now to enter the Jewish market."

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"People feel very comfortable here," Kalmar said. "Guests say they'd like to have their living rooms like this."

Kalmar, 34, was raised in the hotel business. His father, George Kalmar, owned the Constellation Hotel, one of the first hotels on the airport strip. His son moved up the ranks from kitchen work to front desk and purchasing.

"When we bought the Old Mill, I bought not only the building, but what it stands for," he said. "It is a jewel because of its charm and atmosphere. As Helen (Weech) said, 'It's one of Toronto's best kept secrets'."

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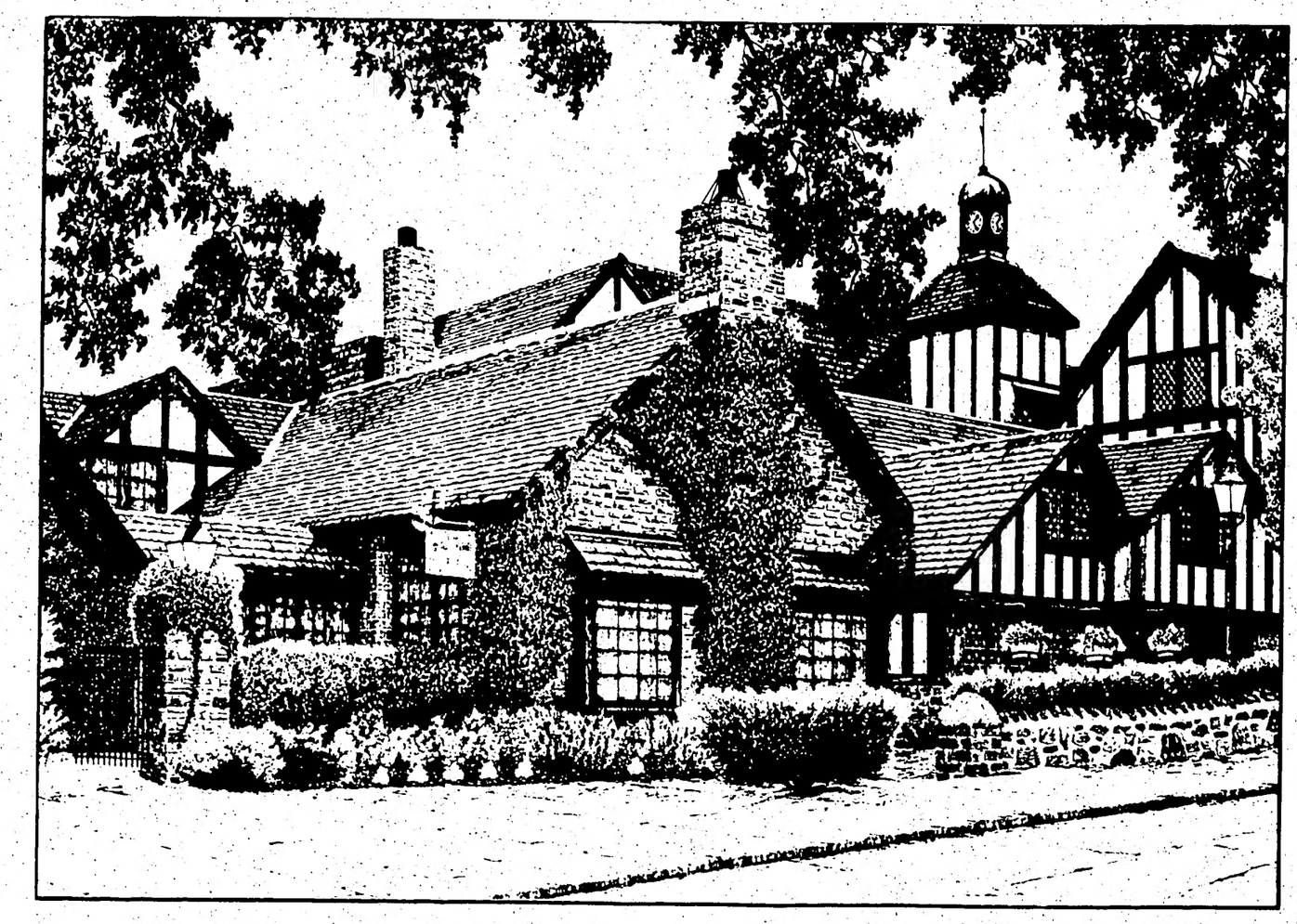

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"Weddings are one of the happiest Jewish events that people have," says Rabbi David Weiss (right) at a recent ceremony at which he officiated.

Rabbi offers own touch

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO – "Even the most traditional Jewish wedding ceremony can be creative and personally meaningful," says self-described "freelance" rabbi David Weiss, a full-time industrial psychologist whose background includes ordination from Yeshiva University, a Master's degree in Jewish philosophy and training as a cantor.

Rabbi Weiss, more commonly known as David, officiates at about half a dozen weddings a year, each one individualized and creative, but within the bounds of Halachah.

The Jewish wedding ceremony is divided into two parts, Kiddushin (betrothal, or sanctification) and Nissuin (the actual marriage ceremony). Each part includes blessings, wine and "action," such as giving the wedding ring, explains Rabbi Weiss. Kiddushin and Nissuin, along with the ketubah, or Jewish marriage document represent the basic structure of the Jewish wedding ceremony. "There is tremendous latitude for creative input and personalizing the ceremony," says Rabbi Weiss.

"With the ketubah, there are several things you can do," he says. "I've had couples write their own declarations of commitment to each other, as their own personal addendum to a ketubah."

Rabbi Weiss, who favors an egalitarian approach, "tends to play a little bit" with traditions such as the bride circling the groom seven times. "I've had men go around three times and women four."

Similarly, he offers brides the opportunity to break a glass if they wish. "That's a beautiful tradition," he says, explaining that the custom can create a solidarity link with people who are not able to celebrate publicly.

Some couples choose to make their wedding more meaningful by personalizing their chupot. Rabbi Weiss has performed marriages under canopies designed at chupah-making parties, where people close to the bride and groom decorated individual silk squares that were later sewn into a unique chupah.

One of Rabbi Weiss' more unusual weddings was the marriage of two choreographers. "They did the wedding in dance," he recalls. "It was absolutely stunning. They did the 'seven times around' in dance. Children came and danced around them. It was halachically correct. It was a beautiful wedding, and it was them."

Rabbi Weiss believes that the rabbi performing the ceremony should be "at the behest of the couple." His own wedding, which took place in 1986, was officiated by his brother, Rabbi Avi Weiss, the well known activist. The ceremony lasted well over an hour and incorporated a niggun (wordless tune) which Rabbi Weiss had taught his guests over the previous week.

Unusual settings often used

Sometimes, unusual settings feature in creative weddings. Rabbi Weiss recalls a ceremony he officiated overlooking the Scarborough Bluffs. He himself was married at Casa Loma, a decision made in part so that he and his wife could retain greater control over the ceremony.

"Couples can take ownership of their wedding and make it their own event," says Rabbi Weiss. Rather than "doing" under the chupah, the bride and groom are "done to" in most cases, he says. He urges greater participation for the bride and groom as well as for their guests, encouraging couples to invite friends, other couples, or families to read individual blessings from the Shevah Brachot during the ceremony.

Inviting greater participation can be useful when there are children from a previous marriage. Rabbi Weiss describes such a wedding ceremony which began with the couple walking down the aisle together holding the children. "It was like the whole family was getting married," he says, adding that for the family to work as a unit, the children have to "buy in."

Rabbi Weiss enjoys the challenge of "shaping the traditional ceremony so that it becomes a reflection of the couple's feelings and beliefs. Weddings are one of the happiest Jewish events that people have."

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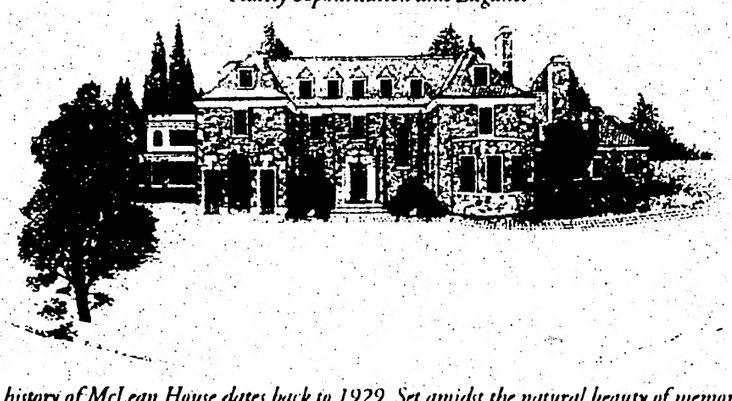

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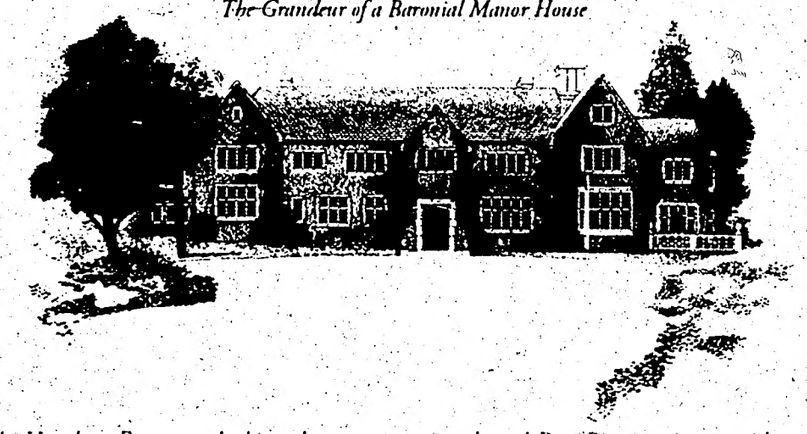

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Handbook helps with details

By CYNTHIA GASNER

How to plan a wedding in the '90s is the theme of the recently published fourth edition of *The Toronto Wedding Handbook.*

Author and publisher Judy Siblin-Rakoff, who married stand-up comedian Simon Rakoff four years ago, says that having survived a wedding in the '80s, "I wanted to share some of the tricks of the trade with other nubiles." It all came about, she adds, becuause she realized that there wasn't a guide available for planning a wedding when she needed for one.

Her fourth edition is divided into four sections. The first section is a guide on how to plan the wedding with everything from selecting the engagement ring to the honeymoon. There is a section on where to go for the things you need, a section with celebrity interviews about their weddings, charts to follow throughout the planning stage and some wedding terminology.

"I tried to give couples some innovative ideas on how to make their wedding extra special," says Siblin-Rakoff. "This edition even includes a dance teacher who will teach an entire family to do ballroom dancing — waltz, tango, mambo, samba and more — all in three days, and where to rent outfits for the wedding as more and more people are renting bridal wear for the entire family."

The first step in planning, she says, is to make a budget then try to stick to it. Step by step Siblin-Rakoff looks at traditional weddings and current acceptable procedures — selecting a consultant, the bridal gown, invitations, flowers, hair, makeup, the ceremony, speeches — she's covered them all.

A freelance writer for newspapers and magazines, an award-winning television producer, actress, TV host and interviewer, Siblin-Rakoff knows that people love to peak in on celebrities. The celebrities she has interviewed about their weddings for the handbook include Ed Mirvish, Jeanne Beker, Micki Moore, Ona Fletcher, Shirley Solomon, Frank Shuster and Blue Jay Kelly Gruber.

Author and publisher of The Toronto Wedding Handbook, Judy Siblin-Rakoff.

The Toronto Wedding Handbook (Canopy Press $16.95) is available at Coles, W. H. Smith, Lichtman's, The World's Biggest Book Store, Contact Editions and numerous other book and specialty shops.

Siblin-Rakoff is always on the move. She is a producer on CTV's *Shirley Show* and on weekends she tapes an on-air segment for the TV program *Good Afternoon Television* doing a segment called Artsbreak where she previews and reviews productions currently running in Toronto.

She completed 12 episodes for the program *In The Spotlight*, a showcase of Canada's performing arts which is being considered for another season.

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By FRANCES KRAFT

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As any parent who has ever planned a bar or bat mitvah knows, such an undertaking involves myriad decisions about a seemingly endless list of details. If you're preoccupied with seating plans, menus, flowers and photographers, it's easy to overlook the spiritual meaning of the occasion.

Likewise for the young celebrant, the intellectual accomplishment of learning the Torah portion and the mechanics of the service can overshadow the deeper reason for the celebration.

Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin has addressed that problem in his new book *Putting God on the Guest List: How to Reclaim the Spiritual Meaning of Your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah.*

Although Rabbi Salkin is a Reform rabbi, his book addresses the entire spectrum of Jews, and has even been recommended by Christian clergy who face parallel issues among their flock.

"Don't let the rite get in the way of the passage," writes Rabbi Salkin. "If I had a choice between a kid who knows everything cold, but has no real feeling for what it means to become bar mitzvah, or the kid who has really come to love the synagogue, doing mitzvot, and Jewish learning, but occasionally makes some mistakes in Hebrew, I would prefer the second kid."

Rabbi Salkin believes that when youngsters make the connection between their Torah portion and contemporary issues, "Torah comes alive before their eyes."

Performing mitzvot is another way to feel God's presence, writes the rabbi. Mitzvot connect Jews to other Jews, past and present, and to Jewish tradition, he writes.

To bring greater meaning to bar and bat mitzvah, a chapter entitled Putting the Mitzvah Back in Bar and Bat Mitzvah suggests a number of appropriate mitzvot, ranging from visiting someone who is ill to preparing a traditional Shabbat dish to donating a portion of gift money for tzedakah.

Of interest, varying combinations of the above suggestions have been in place in a number of Toronto synagogues since well before *Putting God on the Guest List* appeared in print. It is also noteworthy that the book's publisher, Jewish Lights Publishing of Woodstock, Vermont, has pledged a portion of the book's sales to Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger.

With a renewed awareness in the Jewish community about the spiritual meaning of bar and bat mitzvah, it's natural for parents to wonder how appropriate a lavish party is.

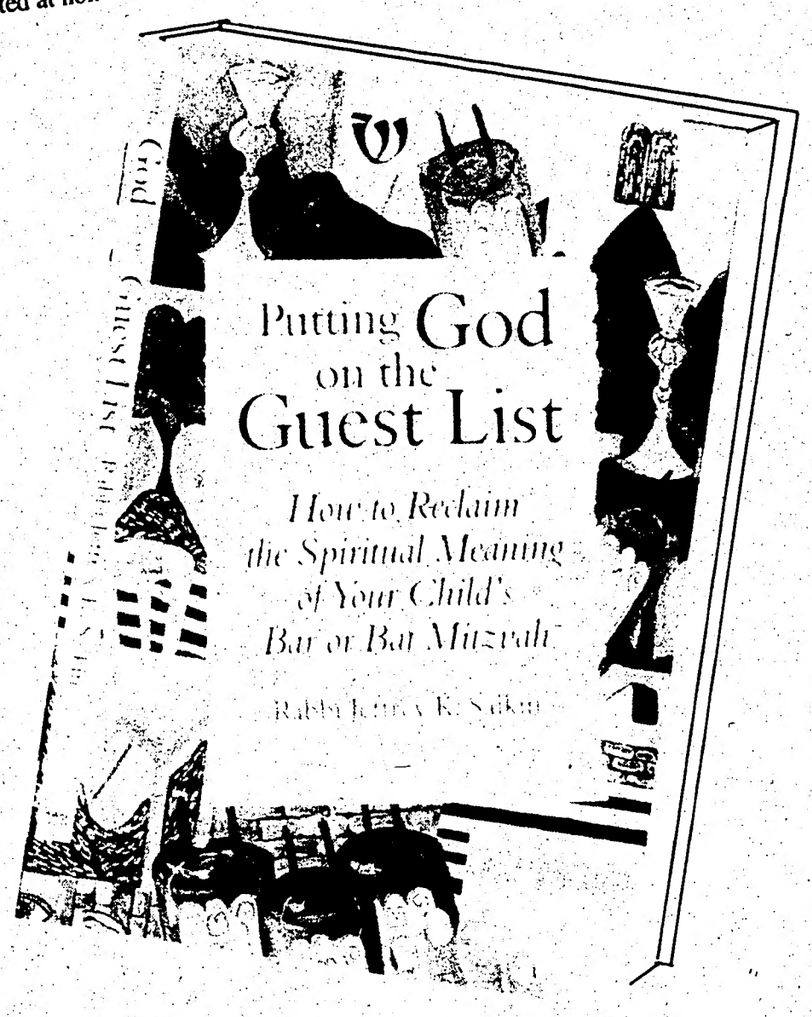
The answer Rabbi Salkin provides might surprise you. He quotes the Shulchan Aruch: "It is the religious obligation of the father to tender a festive meal in honor of his son's becoming bar mitzvah, just as he might do when the boy marries."

Religious permission to party notwithstanding, Rabbi Salkin reminds us that, as Jews, we "sanctify pleasure." He suggests that parents make a list of Jewish values, such as generosity, moderation, learning and social action, around which to plan their celebration.

Planning a meaningful bar or bat mitzvah can be even more challenging in family situations involving divorce, intermarriage, conversion or family feuds. Rabbi Salkin deals with these issues in a sensitively written chapter entitled The Changing Jewish Family, which includes a prayer for a non-Jewish parent of a bar or bat mitzvah to recite.

An explanatory appendix to the book directed at non-Jews, but probably of equal interest to Jewish readers, along with a resource list of books for parents, further enhance the book's appeal.

Putting God on the Guest List: How to Reclaim the Spiritiual Meaning of Your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah is available in paperback or hardcover at selected bookstores or directly from Jewish Lights Publishing, P.O. Box 237, Sunset Farm Offices, Route 4, Woodstock, Vt. 05091, (802)457-4000.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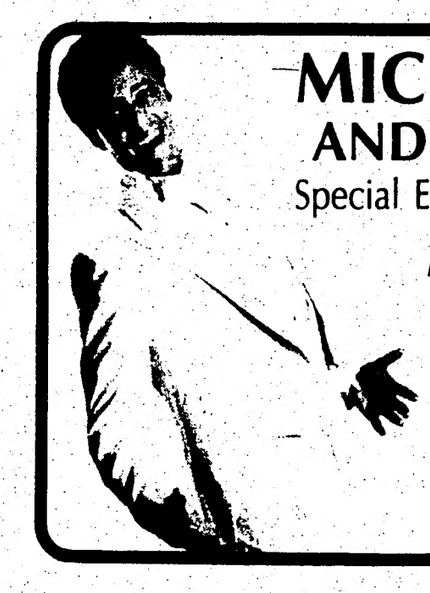

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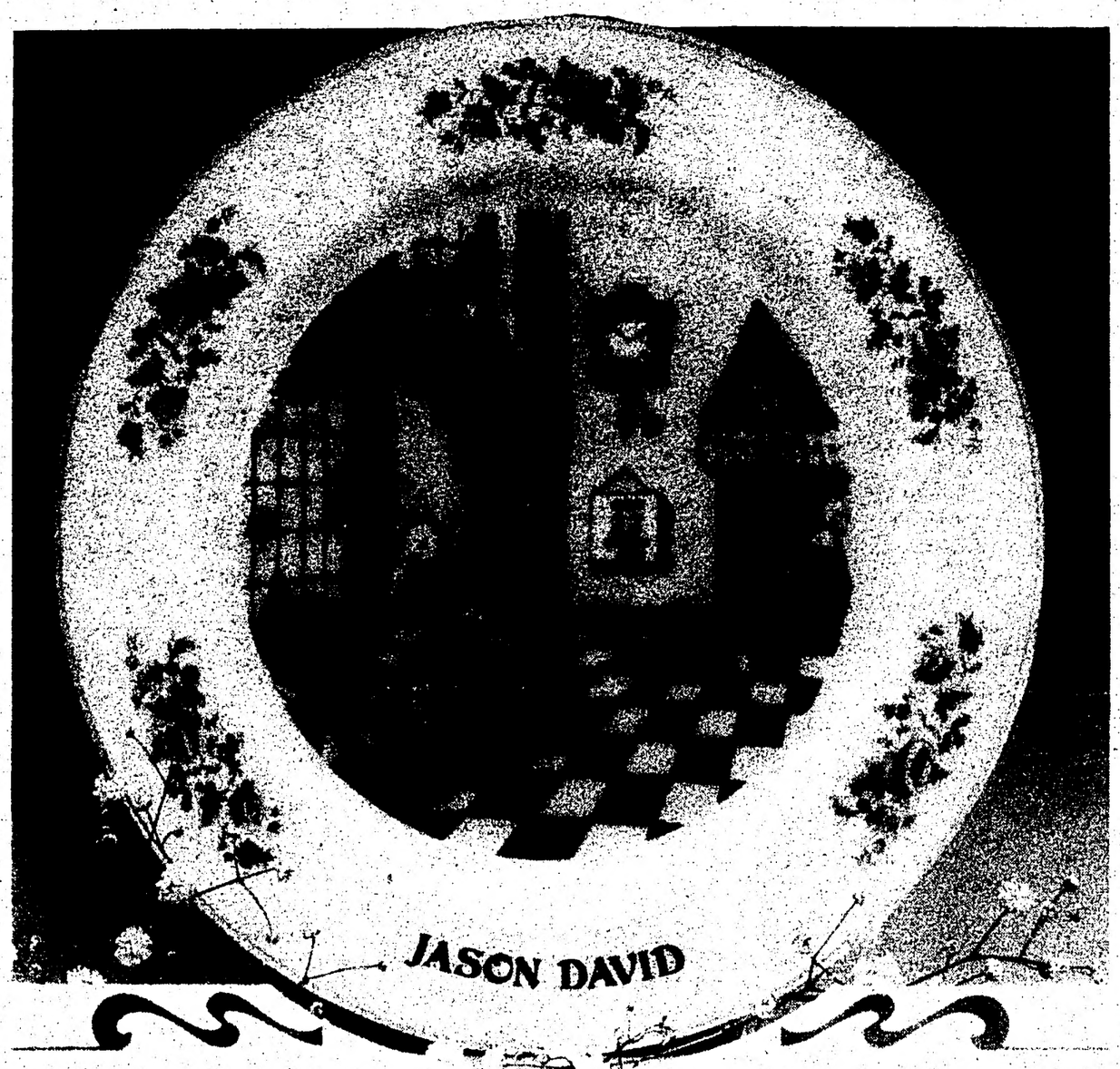

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By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

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Caterer should be ready to adapt

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

When it comes time to choose a kosher caterer for your party it is important to pick one that is flexible, versatile and approachable.

"A caterer must be available to listen to all the host's needs and suggest a menu around them. It is important that a host has the peace of mind that all her guests will be accommodated, from the vegetarian to the person on a salt-free diet," says Ross Massey, director of catering for L'Hotel (597-8120).

He adds that if no consultant is available the caterer should be able to see that the reception and dinner run smoothly. "That could entail coordinating the speeches, meals and band or seeing that the centrepieces are arranged properly. In other words, a caterer's function goes beyond providing food. He must be prepared to wear many difficult hats."

Lorraine Sherkin, functions coordinator at Baycrest Centre (789-5131) agrees that caterers must have "special skills to meet every need from the food to the theme, decor, music and flowers. When you hire a caterer, you do not merely hire a cook, you hire a whole package."

Outdoor chupah

She says that it has become quite popular to have catered affairs at Baycrest Centre and it can accommodate from 10 to 500 people. "The grounds make it especially beautiful for an outdoors wedding. We bring the chupah and chairs outdoors and the ceremony is magnificent. If the weather does not permit, our lobby has a huge skylight so it is as if the ceremony is taking place outdoors."

She adds that because the centre has dieticians on staff it is simple to accommodate the needs of any of the guests. They are always available to consult."

Massey says that with more and more people becoming diet conscious he has noticed that the trend at weddings and bar mitzvahs has been towards chicken and veal dishes and away from red meat.

"Of course we still serve beef but chicken and veal are really having their day. A very popular dish is grilled supreme of chicken with sesame seeds served on a red pepper coulis. Rock cornish hen in a mushroom sauce or roast shoulder or veal with spinach and mushrooms are also very good."

Massey, who can accommodate from 150 to 400 people at his functions says that the traditional sweet table has also given way to a display of fresh fruits in season and light deserts. "On the whole, people are not asking for rich cakes and gateaus after a large meal."

Chicken fingers

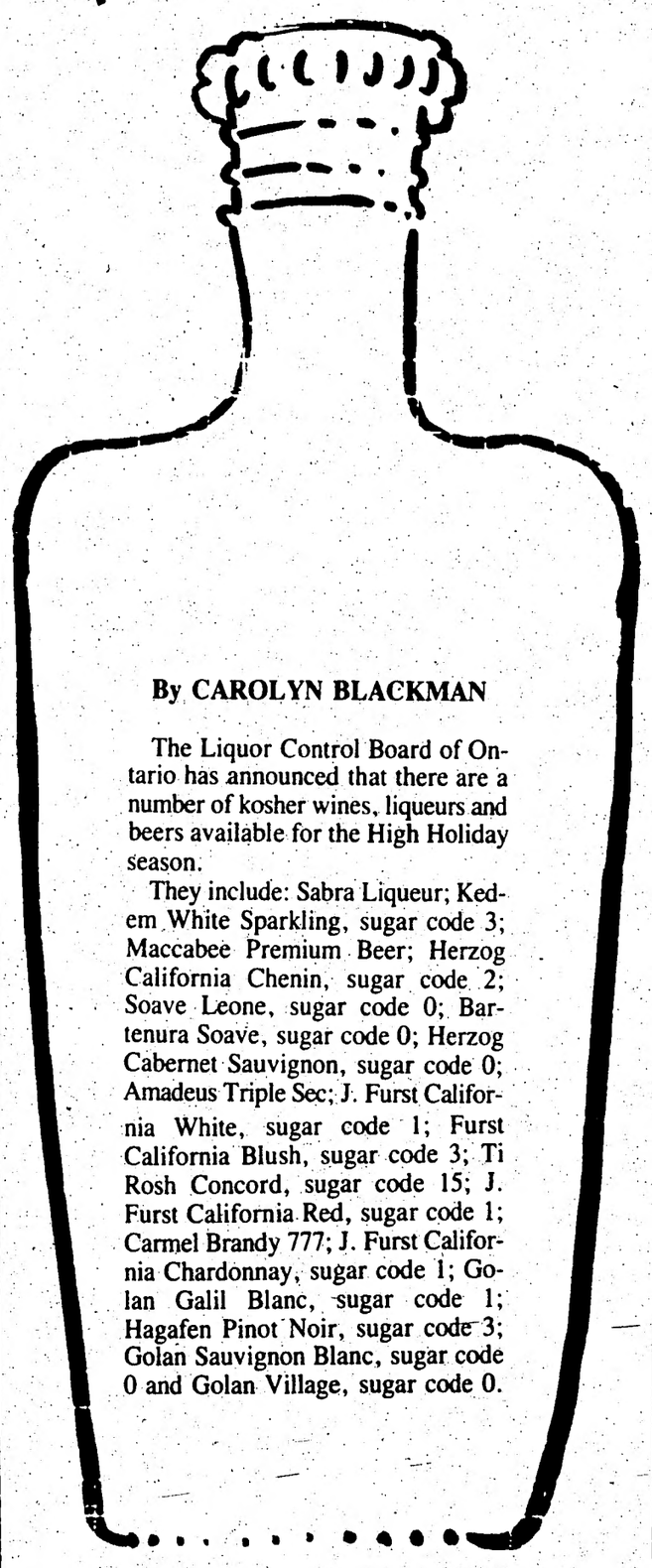
Jack Ponte, manager of Le Chaim Caterers (650-5440) says that its new retail factory outlet is a great way to cater a party and stay within a restricted budget. "A hostess can come in and buy such things as chicken fingers, kugels, cabbage rolls and various salads. That way the preparation is done for them and all they have to do is set it out on the table. It's a great way to have a party when you are trying to watch your money."

He says that he does cater large affairs and suggests that the family come in and see him so he can get a feel for the type of food that would be best for their party. "If the family thinks that their guests would like Moroccan fare we can prepare such dishes as chicken with olives or couscous. If they would like a more traditional meal we can prepare chicken, beef or veal in any number of ways."

He stresses that since diet is so important these days, it is essential for a caterer to keep up with the trends in eating habits.

"A caterer must be flexible and alter his menu at the desire of his clients. If they do not want red meat then he should have a variety of chicken and fish dishes to suggest. He should also be open to suggestions and do whatever possible to fulfill their requests. I've prepared salt-free and vegetarian dishes and I have even pureed food for a guest who could not eat solids."

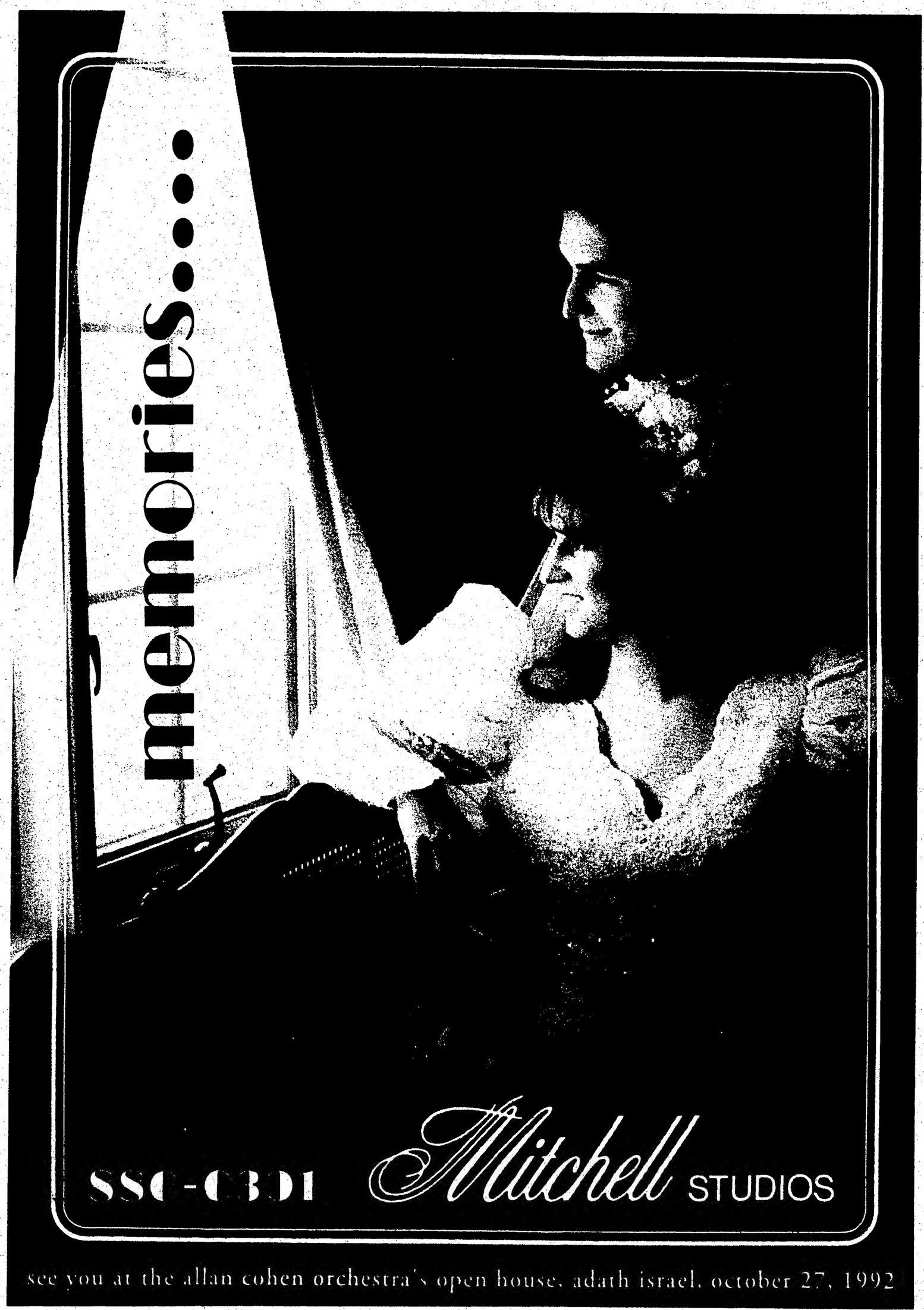
Kosher spirits hit the market



By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

The Liquor Control Board of Ontario has announced that there are a number of kosher wines, liqueurs and beers available for the High Holiday season.

They include: Sabra Liqueur; Kedem White Sparkling, sugar code 3; Maccabee Premium Beer; Herzog California Chenin, sugar code 2; Soave Leone, sugar code 0; Bartenura Soave, sugar code 0; Herzog Cabernet Sauvignon, sugar code 0; Amadeus Triple Sec; J. Furst California White, sugar code 1; Furst California Blush, sugar code 3; Ti Rosh Concord, sugar code 15; J. Furst California Red, sugar code 1; Carmel Brandy 777; J. Furst California Chardonnay, sugar code 1; Golan Galil Blanc, sugar code 1; Hagafen Pinot Noir, sugar code 3; Golan Sauvignon Blanc, sugar code 0 and Golan Village, sugar code 0.



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Chupah more than a roof

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Getting married under a star-studded, blue sky is the dream of many brides, but when it is not possible, a sky-blue, chupah may be the next best thing.

Pauline Hauer of Aviva Chuppah Rental (653-8276), who rents original, hand-painted chupot created by her mother-in-law, Marta says that when done by a professional artist, the silk moire chupot "really do give whatever illusion the artist desires. Marta's smoky blue chupah with clouds and stars lends an atmosphere of nature and adds that much more elegance to an already beautiful ceremony."

She says that her mother-in-law, a textile design artist who creates such items as prayer shawls and matzoh covers "realized that instead of getting married in synagogues, many people were having their weddings in hotels, banquet halls or in their own homes and they needed a chupah for the ceremony. As a result, she created three chupot and they made such a hit that in the past year we have had 30 rentals."

Moshe Saadon, owner of Zamac Design Arts (886-4969) represents an Israeli artist who has created two handpainted silk chupot and agrees that a chupah "can add something magnificent to a wedding ceremony."

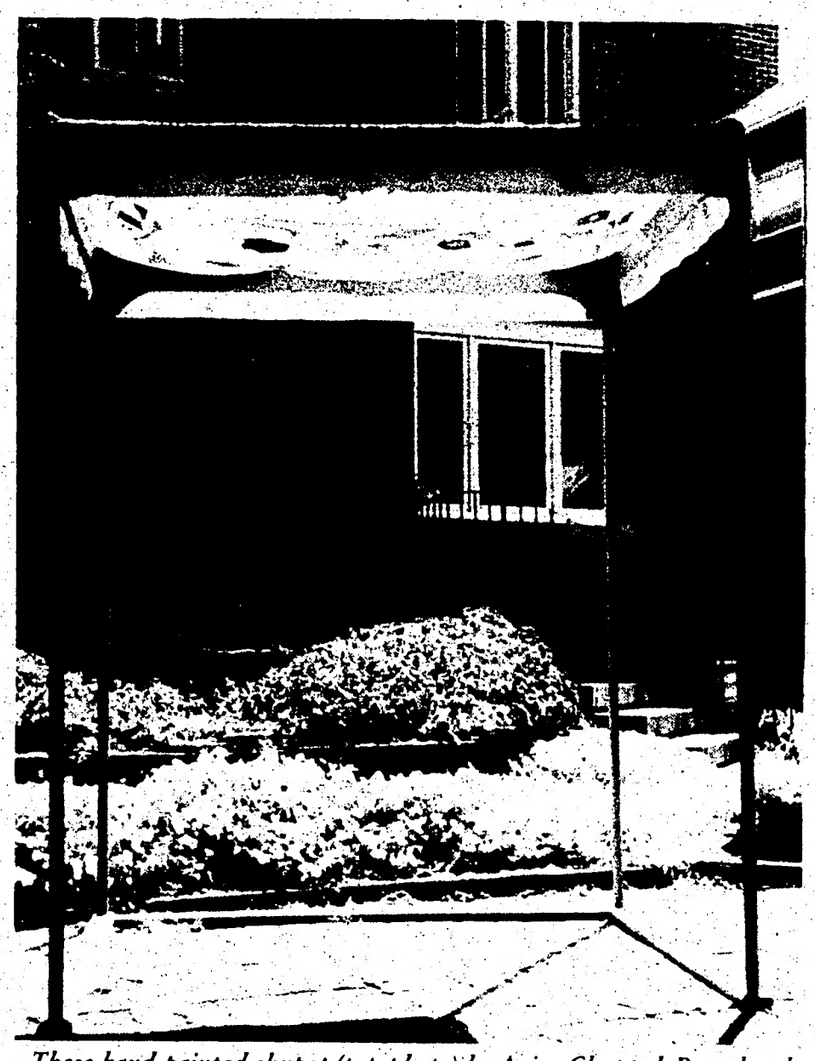
He says that one of his artists, Ruth Pasder, specializes in Israeli scenes and the two chupot "are resplendent with scenes of Jerusalem. One is on a sky-blue background, contrasted in white and is large enough to hold the whole wedding party. Not only does the sky-blue silk give the affect of being outdoors, the scene gives it a nice touch of Israel. The whole thing is simple, but elegant. Those who want a less vivid chupah can choose one in creamy gold also covered with scenes of Jerusalem."

Hauer says that when a bridal party wishes to rent a chupah "they can come to my viewing room and choose from among the three we have available. In addition to the outdoor theme we also have one on an ivory background covered in a floral applique of dusty rose, yellow and green pastels. The third is also a floral applique of more vivid colors such as purple and blue. After they have chosen the appropriate canope they then decide whether they want the chupah to be hand-held or freestanding. The canopes are interchangeable with the structure they choose."

She says that the poles holding up the canope are made of maple wood, so "it is not entirely necessary to decorate them but most people choose to do so. A green vine wrapped around the pole with a few roses or daisies tucked in looks great and to give the chupah a dreamy look, wrap the pole in tulle or organza."

Saadon says that the poles should be decorated with some flowers "but not overdone. We are trying to achieve a look of simple elegance."

Neither company decorates the chupah for the bridal party but will give advice when it is needed. They both deliver the chupah to the hall if desired and have it assembled and disassembled.



These hand-painted chupot (top photo) by Aviva Chuppah Rental and (bottom photo) by Zamac Design Arts add a magnificent touch to a wedding ceremony.

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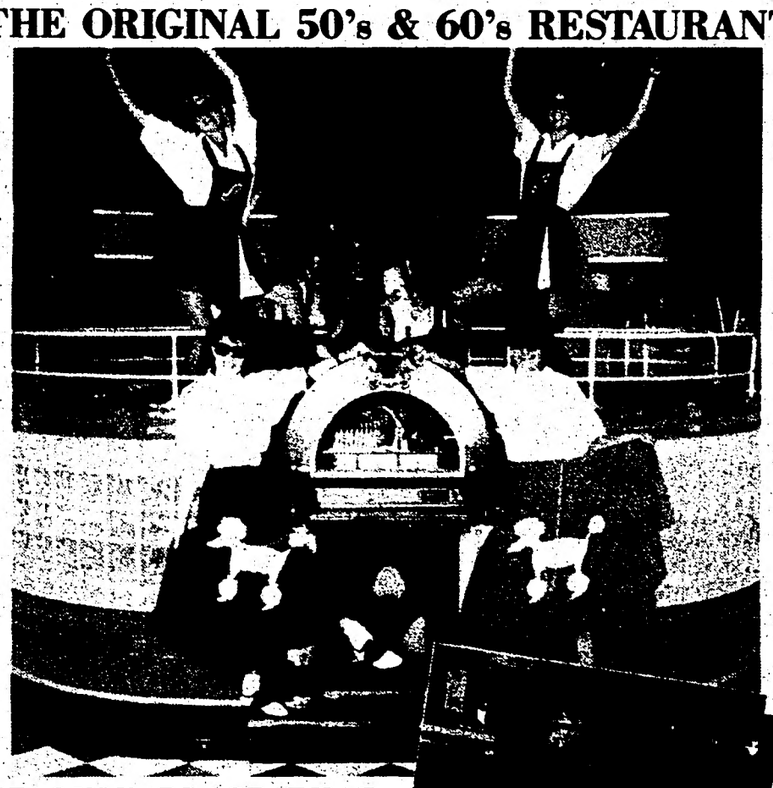

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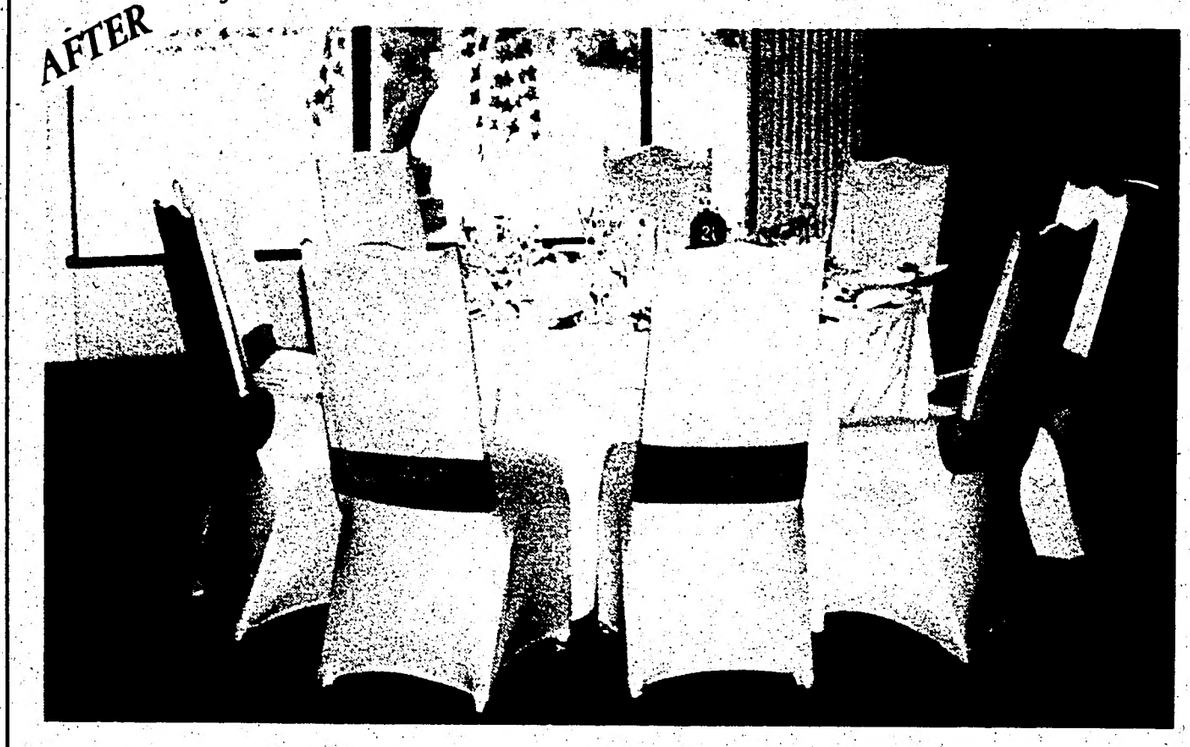

It only cost how much?

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

Giving a party or going to a party? Well, head over to the Buck Stop (656-4556) Lawrence Plaza right away for the supplies you need.

For the gift shopper, the Buck Stop has silver giftware, boxes, trays and salt and pepper — all from $2 to $5. "There was a bankruptcy, so we have a lot of pieces," says owner Sidney Lugassy.

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For children's gifts, the store carries stuffed animals and magic forest trolls. "Everywhere they are between $10 and $19. We sell them for $4," said Lugassy.

He says the Stop has the largest selection of party goods in town. Inventory includes kids' paper plates and napkins and plastic cutlery priced under a dollar. Balloons cost a buck and toys and party favors are under a dollar. "The toys are for loot bags," Lugassy commented.

He added that his inventory changes constantly.

"For the life of the party, the Party Hut is the place to shop," is the slogan of the Party Hut at Fairview Mall, a franchise operation owned by John Montgomery and his brother (756-3771).

Kids like his gags, as gifts or party favors. Among them, he carries snap-finger gum, which sounds like a mouse trap when someone takes it from anther's hand, garlic gum, switchblade combs and fly-in-the-ice cube.

The Party Hut carries stuffed animals, cats that meow and hand-held mirrors that laugh and scream. The mirrors are activated by light.

In the decorating section, the Hut has balloons, including helium balloons, banners, streamers, napkins, paper plates and candles.

The store stocks birthday cards, specializing in humorous ones, and a full line of gifts ranging from T-shirts and trolls to golf gifts.

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Glamor girl look returns

By RANDI DRUZIN

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Caryl Baker Visage (789-7191) is introducing cosmetic fashions this fall which combine vibrant, rich color and silky polished textures to rekindle the kind of glamor that adorned the screen goddesses popular in the 30' and 40s.

The "beautiful glamor girl look" begins with a soft, porcelain and polished complexion, achieved through proper skin care and special beauty treatments such as Caryl Baker's Skin Refining Program.

Unlike the 40's caked-on, matte complexion, the 90's version of nostalgic glamor is achieved with silkier more translucent formulas of foundation and powder which provide excellent coverage without jeopardizing a "natural" appearance.

"Sultry, smoky, glamor girl eyes are the look for this season," says Baker. "There are three different looks that are vogue for fall: the sultry, glamorous eye, the sophisticated eye, and the natural eye." All these looks can be achieved using either one, two or three eye shadows, deep neutral shades of Pinstripe Purple, Grey Goddess, Bronze Bombshell, Plum Performance or Backstage Brown.

Rich ruby lips are also hot this fall, says Baker, and softer shades of pink and rose are available for more conservative women who "still want a sensual smile with that sexy Hollywood Hues style."

Caryl Baker's Visasge also offers shades of nail enamel to blend with lip colors for "the ultimate fall/winter accents. We have a variety of nail enamel shades to match every woman's look and lifestyle," Baker says.

And last, but certainly not least (not this year, anyway) are the eyebrows. "The look of Marlene Dietrich's seductive, sleek, arch-shaped brows has made a comeback," confirms Baker. "If you take a look at the latest fashion magazines, you will see this look on virtually every model. Brows are a very important feature on the face this fall."

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Sultry and smoky sum up the popular make up look at Caryl Baker Visage.

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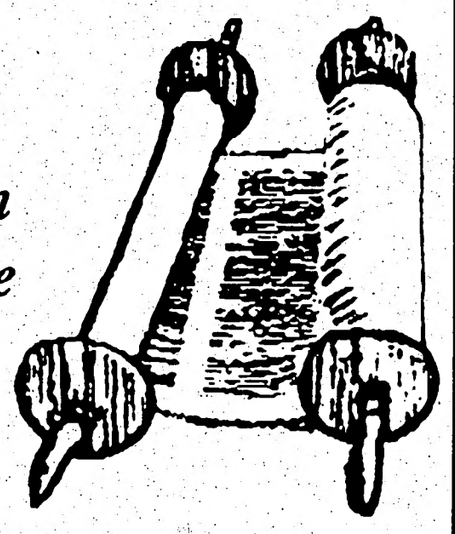

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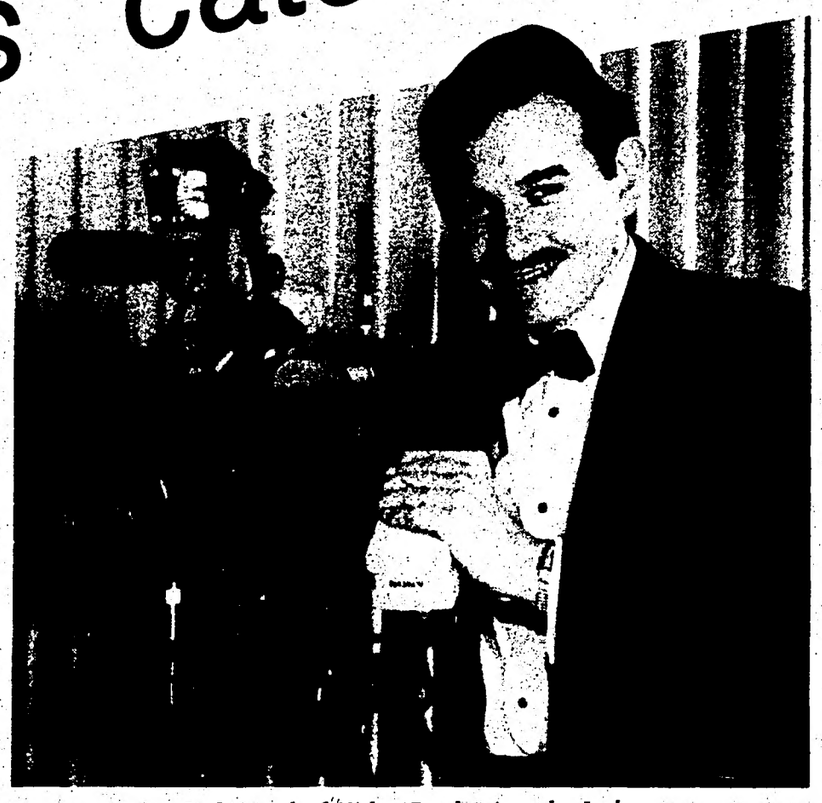

Josh Israel of Video Productions by Josh.

My husband and I have been married for 16 years. At my wedding there was no such thing as video produced movies. We had someone record our simcha on 16 mm film, which came back to us after developing, on a reel. It had to be shown on a special 16mm projector (remember that old Bell & Howell).

Luckily, thanks to modern technology, we are able to have our movie transferred onto videotape. It is the best investment we ever made. It's great to just sit around on a quiet evening and watch the tape and relive those special moments.

Video Productions by Josh Israel (630-5558), has been videotaping simchas since 1979. Israel feels that the proper equipment is the key element between an adequate videographer and a great one.

"The camera," says Israel, "must be a 3-CCD (3 chip) type, using 2/3" CCD's by Sony, Hitachi, JVC or Panasonic. This will produce high quality color and excellent clarity. The video recorder (the component that records onto the tape) should be attached to the camera, commonly known as a camcorder. The recording format must be either Professional Super VHS or the world's best portable format Betacom-SP. These three equipment requirements will ensure you of an excellent recording. It is very important to ask about equipment before you book your videographer."

"Many clients these days are concerned about turning their function into a media event," says Israel. "The videotaping of a large family function such as a wedding, bar/bat mitzvah can be intrusive considering the lighting and equipment involved. It is unrealistic to think that proper videotaping can be done without any intrusions.

Although keeping the camera and lights far from the action might be an obvious solution, this creates too many quality related problems which outweigh the intrusion concerns. Distance and dim lighting causes the camera lens to open widely. This results in reduced depth of focus, causing unacceptable out of focus scenes each time the subject moves slightly. Too many shadows will be created as well. Tight zoom-ins from a distant position greatly magnifies camera movements resulting in rough camerawork.

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Andy Koltai of Videoccasions (737-6800) feels that having a good rapor and working relationship with the family, is of the utmost importance,

"I have been creating video productions for the past four-five years," says Koltai. "It has been my experience that when I meet with my clients before their function I ask all the necessary questions which enables me to produce a successful video. What are their likes and dislikes? Do you want to see more of one person and less of another? I have all the information which I will incorporate throughout the evening.

"By knowing a little bit about the family, it makes it easier to put people at ease and capture special movements on tape. This provides a smoother flow through to the evening. When they watch their video at a later date, they see events that happened that they weren't aware of and enjoy the simcha all over again."

Brian Korson of Video for Hire Productions (731-4355), feels that the accent should be on customization, service and quality.

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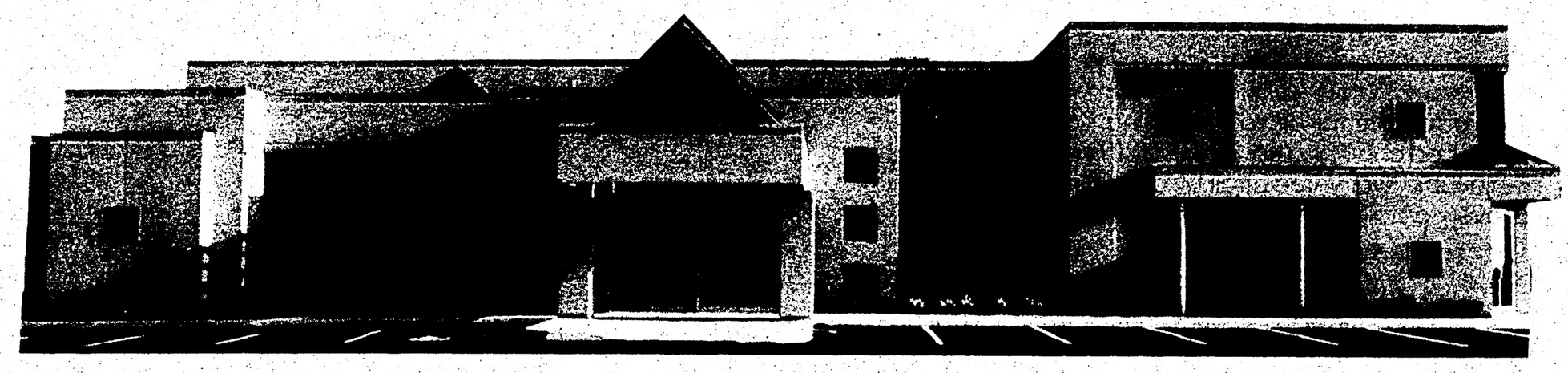

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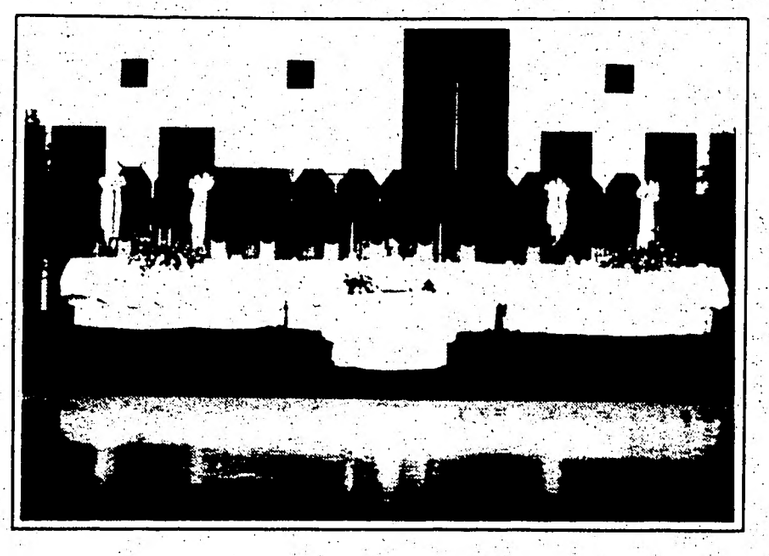

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By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

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Magic Hill Tree Farm, in Stouffville (640-2347), owned by Barry Shapiro, offers two-hour parties for an unlimited number of children. One of the highlights of the party is a hayride around the 100 acre, 200,000 tree farm.

"Afterwards they climb into the haystack on the upper part of the barn where there are ropes to climb, tunnels to crawl through and pits in which to jump. The kids really love the Bosun chair that slides right into the haystack," says Shapiro.

He says that after the haystack, the kids climb back onto the haywagon and ride to the sandhill, a 40-foot high natural beach sand hill.

"There are ropes to help them climb the hill and it is impossible to describe how much fun they have climbing. Another great feature is the imitation, above-ground mine shaft through which the kids can climb. They have a ball."

Also a lot of fun is an optional magic show, in which Shapiro, an amateur magician, entertains the kids, face painting if desired and balloon events.

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... around the town

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winter is the wiener roast that kids enjoy in the warmer months. Kosher hotdogs are available," says Shapiro.

Fantasy Fair, an indoor amusement park at Woodbine Centre (774-8962) is the only one of its kind in Ontario and has rides and activities children up to about age 7 will be sure to love. Some of the highlights of the fair include bumper boats, a ball pit, tube slide, a maze of climbing nets, and antique carousel, ferris wheel and train.

Lily Boruchowicz, program coordinator says there is a special day package for birthday parties for as many children as desired. "The package includes a day at the park and an hour in the party room. Also included is face painting, balloons and visits by costumed characters. The birthday child is free and parents can bring in whatever food they want to serve."

Giraffe's Playground in the Beach area of Toronto (691-2941) is a place designed for birthday parties. Manager Dave MacDonald says that the room which accommodates a maximum of 25 kids, has a large play area "perfect for kids up to age 7. We have climbing equipment, a ball bath, a log cabin, kids' kitchens, workshops and riding cars. The whole room is prefectly safe for even the smallest children."

He says that the best thing about the birthday parties is the kids "come in, have a ball, and destroy the place while the parents sit in the lounge area, watch and relax. We provide coffee for the parents and they can bring in whatever food they want to serve the kids."

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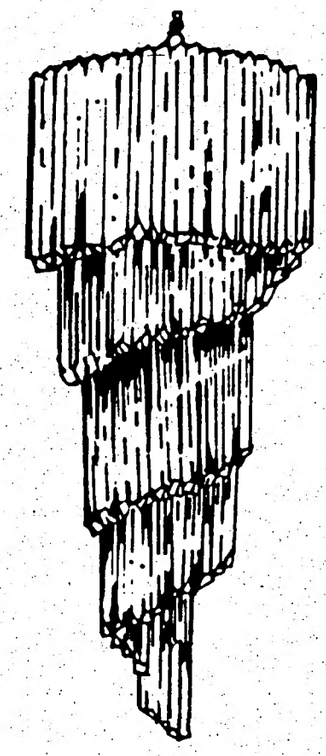

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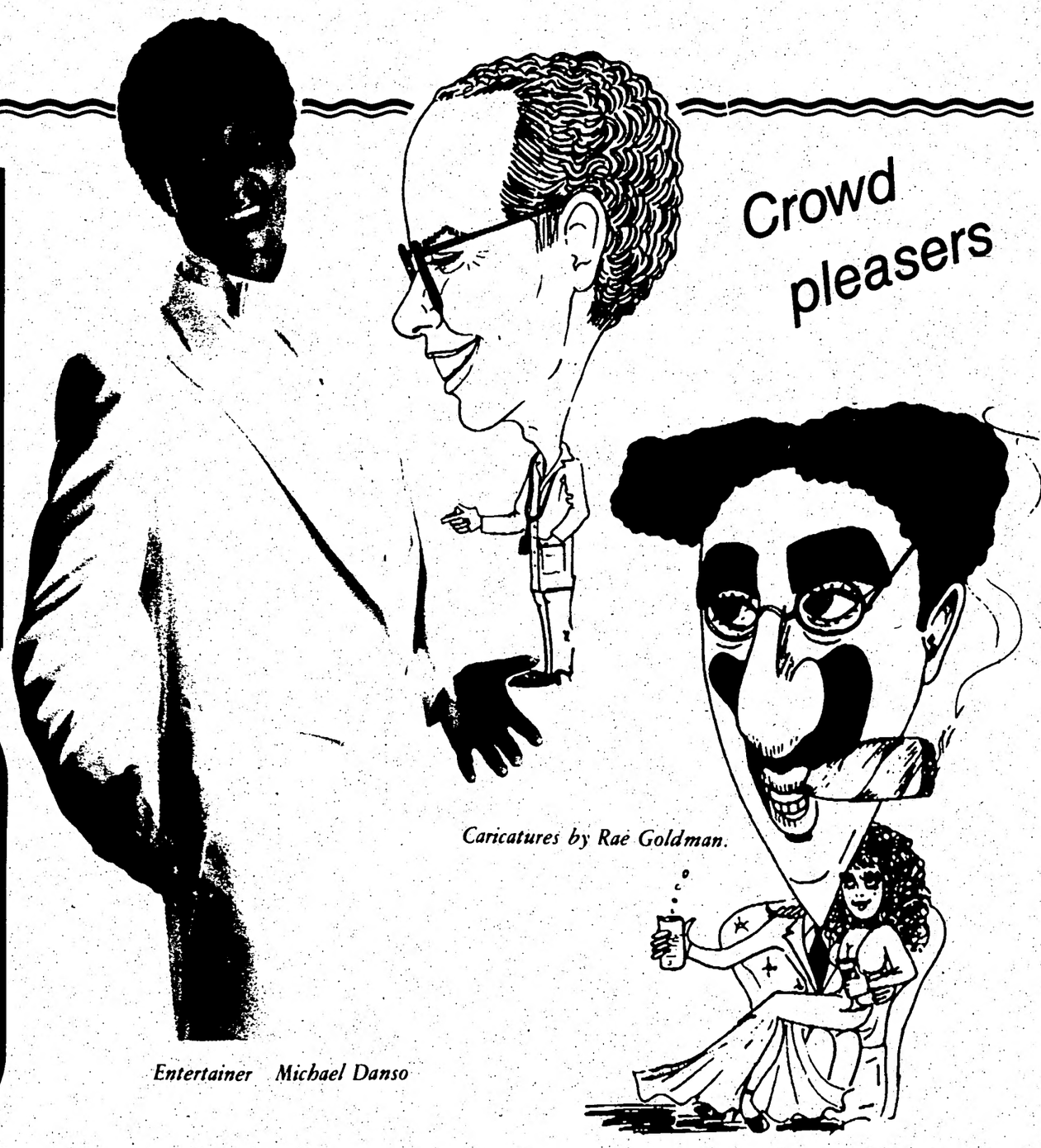

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By RANDI DRUZIN

At a wedding reception not too long ago, Michael Danso stood in the centre of a crowded hall and sang *You've Lost That Loving Feeling*, while leading a can-can line with the groom and his ushers.

"It was quite a spectacle," he says, laughing. "We had guests clapping and whistling. Everyone had a good time that evening."

In his capacity as an entertainment co-ordinator, Danso (694-7992) enlivens weddings, bar mitzvahs, birthdays and other special occasions. Recently, he's added flavor to synagogue fundraisers and to a fundraiser for Beit Halochem, the organization which helps disabled Israeli war veterans with their rehabilitation.

Currently, Danso is co-ordinating the entertainment for a Na'amat casino night to be held in spring '93.

"I'm putting together a great show," Danso enthuses. "It's going to be a real Las Vegas-type event. These things come easy for me," Danso confides. "I have a lot of experience in this field."

The Glasgow-born Danso performed in productions of *Hair* and *Jesus Christ Superstar* before moving to Toronto in 1976. Since then, he's been involved in many facets of the entertainment business. The singer/dancer/actor has performed in his self-written concert shows with a symphony orchestra, and has played in top night clubs from Toronto to China with a jazz ensemble behind him. He has also donated a lot of time to charity work.

"I have my finger on the pulse of what's happening in entertainment," Danso explains, "so I know what to add or subtract from the basic entertainment package. My priority is to co-ordinate an entertainment package that suits the simcha and pleases the people who are planning it. I have to be very flexible."

Another party crowd pleaser, Rae Goldman (250-8672) has entertained at galas and private parties. She has captured the hearts of many famous people including Liberace, whom she calls a wonderful man. "He was a pleasure to work with."

Goldman fondly remembers drawing a caricature of the flamboyant entertainer as he sat patiently in his Miami hotel room. "I was so nervous," she recalls, "that it took over an hour to finish his caricature."

Today, Goldman will finish a caricature in as little as six minutes. "That's when I'm working at a party, a convention or at some other function," she explains, adding that "it's difficult to get a baby to stay in one place for more than a few minutes."

When she's not out drawing caricatures, Goldman spends time in her North York studio working on "fantasy paintings" which she has exhibited in shows at the Valhalla Inn and the O'Keefe Centre among other places. Recently, she was asked to contribute her work to an upcoming exhibit at the Alexander Gallery on King Street.

Goldman's work is the perfect blend of oil and acrylic paints and "a colorful imagination. I explain to the few students I teach that imagination is everything," she says.

As much as she loves painting, Goldman admits that caricatures have always been a staple of her work. "I started doing them at the CNE and Ontario Place 25 years ago," she says. "Then I moved to Miami and did work for a lot of celebrities (including Liberace). Now I'm home again, working at a lot of parties. People seem to like my work."

Among those countless party-goers and conventioners who have Goldman's work hanging in their homes is North York Mayor Mel Lastman. "Now that was an interesting caricature to draw," says Goldman, observing that Lastman, like Liberace, is "a wonderful man."

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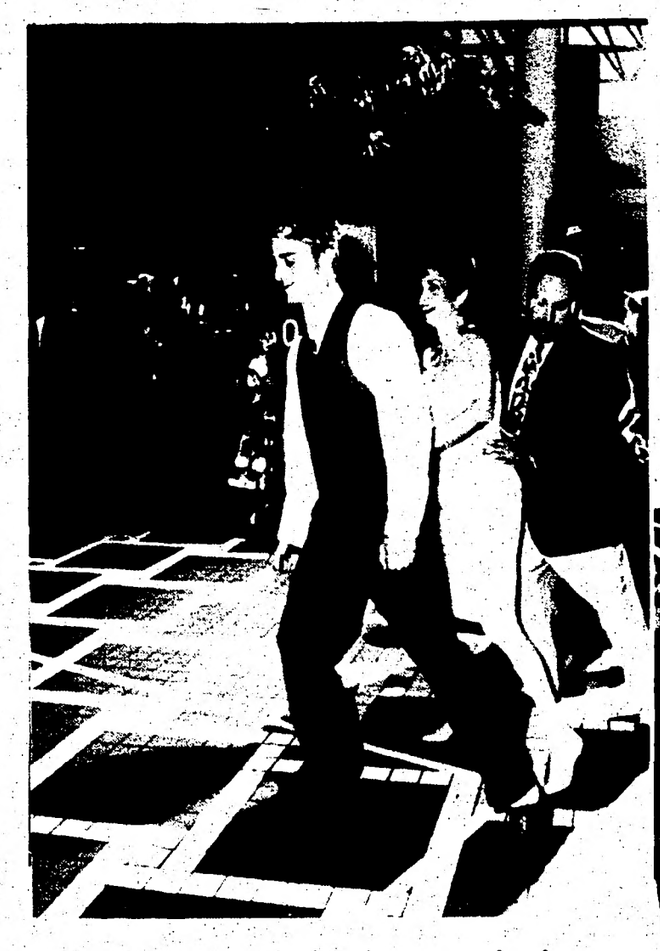

Party fun is sure to be found at events that feature Corey Mandell and crew of Mandell Entertainment, a DJ service.

DJs spin discs

Music makes the mood

By JOSEPH SERGE

Music is the most important aspect of any party. Without good music, any party, no matter how loyal the guests, will end early.

Hiring a good DJ, then, is just as important as hiring a reliable photographer, or renting an appropriate hall.

"Being interactive is the most important part of our business," said Corey Mandell of Mandell Entertainment (513-7743), a disc jockey service. "A DJ should entertain the crowd. He should not just play music. Computers will take that over soon anyway," Mandell added wryly. "A DJ has to have personality so the guests respond to what he does."

Bruce Citren of North American DJ Service (750-3750) echoes Mandell's statements. "DJs have to have that right personality to entertain a crowd."

Citren said having a DJ is better than having a band because, apart from being a lot cheaper (bands can run at $5,000 when a DJ can cost around $750-$800), "DJs give you more of a choice and as the mood of an event changes, it is easier for a DJ to go with the flow," Citren said. "Bands are an alternative to DJs (not vice versa) the way it is now, because of the economy."

"The entertainment is definitely a lot higher with a DJ," said Mandell. "A band is limited in what it could play, whereas we take 10,000 selections with us to every performance."

This is especially popular with the younger crowd. "They'd rather listen to an original Madonna song than watch a band do Madonna," Mandell said. Mandell Entertainment normally sends out DJs in pairs or in threes. "While one person is working, the other is getting the crowd going," he said. "He's able to go crazy with the crowd."

Prior to an engagement, a DJ normally gets a feel for what his clients want — be if '50s rock 'n' roll or waltzes. "But we bring everything anyway," said Citren, whose selection includes up to 20,000 titles.

Because moods do change, a DJ has to change with them. Sometimes, for some reason, guests just don't seem to be having a good time and avoid the dance floor like a minefield. "It's very rare that this happens," Citren said. "But if it does, we normally go with a classic song, something romantic and slow." This normally works, he said. "Then once they're up, we hit them with the fast stuff."

"That's the benefit of having two or three people at an event," said Mandell. "Our guys can literally pull the guests out on the dance floor and make sure they have a good time, and everyone gets into it."

Meet person beforehand

Both agree when choosing a DJ it's important to meet that particular DJ beforehand. "Don't listen to gimmicks over the phone or in the newspaper," Mandell said. "The main thing is to meet the person you're getting. This way you find out if you're on the same wavelength. Never pick up the Yellow Pages and pick one (out of the blue). It's got to be done right."

Citren said you should insist on meeting the DJ that's going to be at your event. He said during the initial meeting, some companies will send you someone who's "really sharp and a smooth talker, but the person they send to your party is a completely different person."

If you're having a party for your children, say a bar/bat mitzvah, then make sure to bring that child to meet the DJ too. "They should have some input and choose a musical style they like."

These days, karaoke, which allows the guests to sing along with their favorite tunes, are really popular, especially at kids' parties. Both Mandell and North American supply this service.

Mandell Entertainment, which may be more well known for its party decoration service, has been in the DJ business for two years, although Mandell himself has been doing it for seven years. He has 25 DJs who can come to a kids' party equipped with the latest in pyrotechnics. "This is a safe, licensed, indoor fireworks display," he said.

Mandell's DJs are trained by the company in the entertainment style of the business. "Which is what we base our company on. Our guys can integrate with the crowd and do comedy. All of them are dancers and they don't just stand there."

If needed, Mandell Entertainment can supply dancers, provide party consultants and decorate your affair in the latest theme. Mandell says if you want a particular DJ for your event, it's good to book eight or 12 months ahead.

North American DJ Service has seven DJs and has been in the business for three years, specializing in weddings. Citren says it is extremely rare that his DJs can't play a particular request but "when that happens, we usually give them a song by the same artist or the same song by a different artist. It doesn't happen that often."

To stay up to date, Citren listens to five or six radio stations, from country to hip CFNY and occasionally goes to clubs to see what the people are dancing to.

"With our depth of music, we have a lot of titles," Citren said. "We can surprise people with what we have." To be safe, he said, it's good to give him six months notice.

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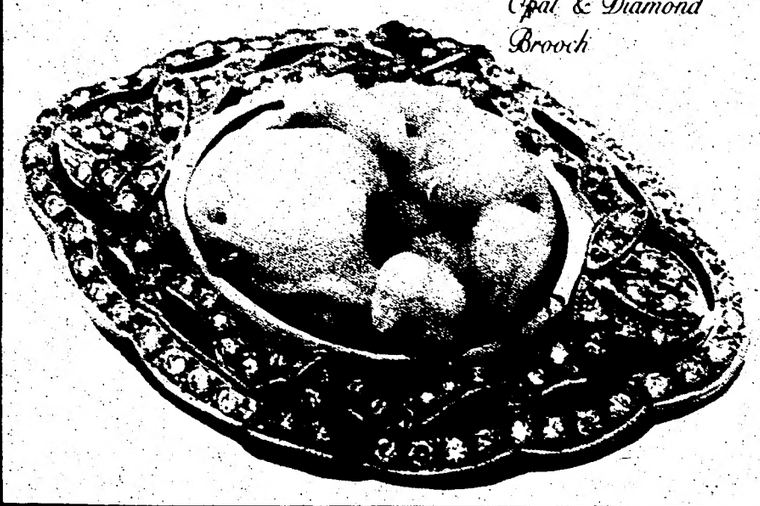

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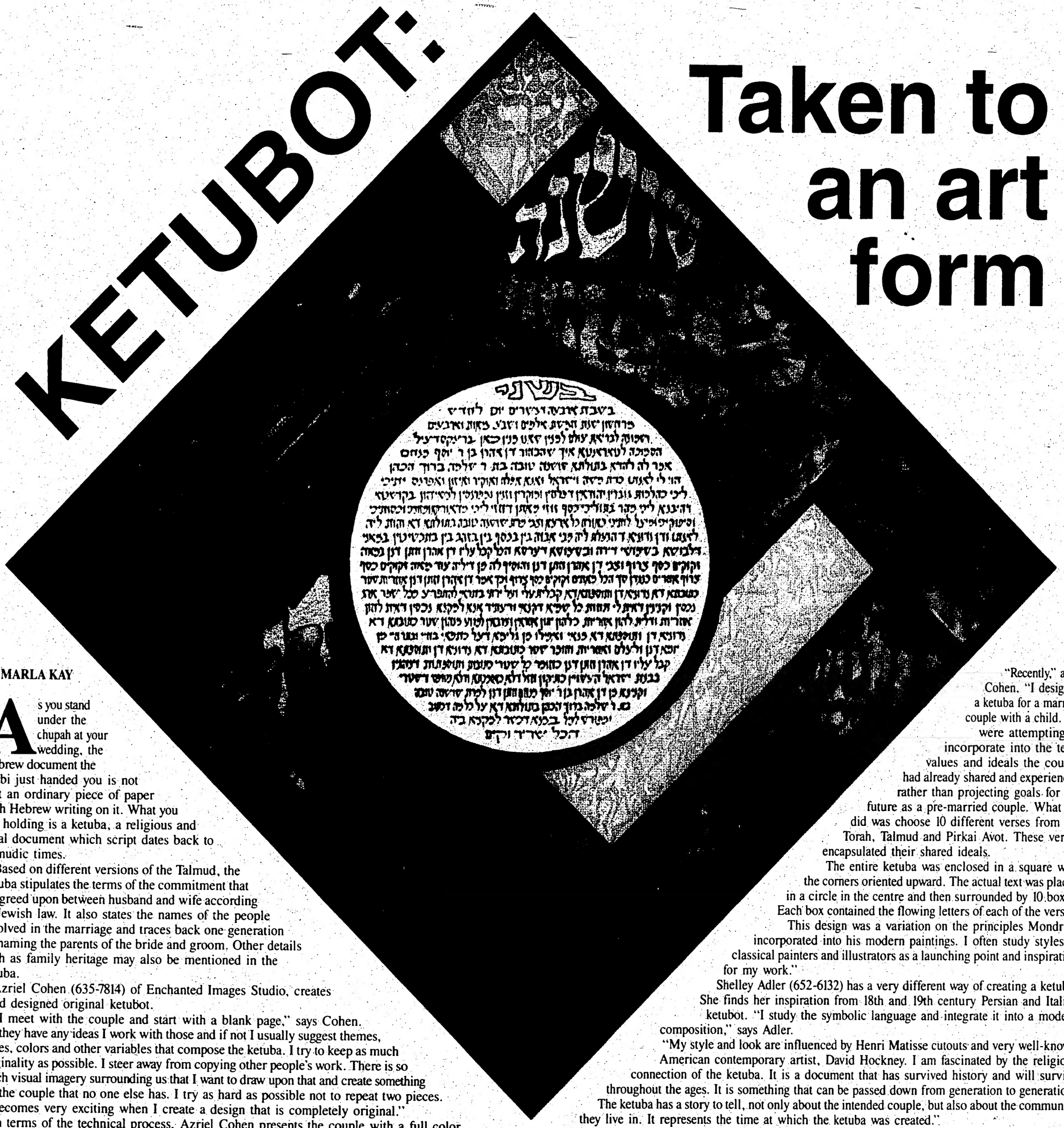

By MARLA KAY

As you stand under the chupah at your wedding, the Hebrew document the rabbi just handed you is not just an ordinary piece of paper with Hebrew writing on it. What you are holding is a ketuba, a religious and legal document which script dates back to talmudic times.

Based on different versions of the Talmud, the ketuba stipulates the terms of the commitment that is agreed upon between husband and wife according to Jewish law. It also states the names of the people involved in the marriage and traces back one generation by naming the parents of the bride and groom. Other details such as family heritage may also be mentioned in the ketuba.

Azriel Cohen (635-7814) of Enchanted Images Studio, creates hand designed original ketubot.

"I meet with the couple and start with a blank page," says Cohen. "If they have any ideas I work with those and if not I usually suggest themes, styles, colors and other variables that compose the ketuba. I try to keep as much originality as possible. I steer away from copying other people's work. There is so much visual imagery surrounding us that I want to draw upon that and create something for the couple that no one else has. I try as hard as possible not to repeat two pieces. It becomes very exciting when I create a design that is completely original."

In terms of the technical process, Azriel Cohen presents the couple with a full color preliminary sketch before commencing the project. "I generally work with a 30 x 22 inch acid free board," adds Cohen. "The mediums I use depend on the effect I'm trying to achieve. I use airbrushing, watercolors, gouache, acrylics, inks, colored pencils and occasionally embossing and sculptural effects with paper."

One original style Cohen has created is taking the text of the ketuba and superimposing it over a landscape backdrop. The background is somewhat muted or toned down so that the wording of the ketuba clearly stands out.

"Recently," adds Cohen, "I designed a ketuba for a married couple with a child. We were attempting to incorporate into the text, values and ideals the couple had already shared and experienced rather than projecting goals for the future as a pre-married couple. What we did was choose 10 different verses from the Torah, Talmud and Pirkai Avot. These verses encapsulated their shared ideals.

The entire ketuba was enclosed in a square with the corners oriented upward. The actual text was placed in a circle in the centre and then surrounded by 10 boxes. Each box contained the flowing letters of each of the verses.

This design was a variation on the principles Mondrian incorporated into his modern paintings. I often study styles of classical painters and illustrators as a launching point and inspiration for my work."

Shelley Adler (652-6132) has a very different way of creating a ketuba. She finds her inspiration from 18th and 19th century Persian and Italian ketubot. "I study the symbolic language and integrate it into a modern composition," says Adler.

"My style and look are influenced by Henri Matisse cutouts and very well-known American contemporary artist, David Hockney. I am fascinated by the religious connection of the ketuba. It is a document that has survived history and will survive throughout the ages. It is something that can be passed down from generation to generation.

The ketuba has a story to tell, not only about the intended couple, but also about the community they live in. It represents the time at which the ketuba was created."

Shelley Adler's designs are very unique because of the "cut out" paper she utilizes. It creates a three-dimensional textural quality. She incorporates ancient symbols from old ketubot, thus linking the past to the present.

A fish symbolized fertility. A vase of flowers and buds (usually situated at the top of the text) denotes the modern Jerusalem community. Garden imagery or round arches portray the entrance into another world (getting married, changing your status). Fire is for passion and should burn brightly." Ayn is a word found in Egyptian ketubot and means fountain or eye. It is a symbol that protects the married couple from evil.

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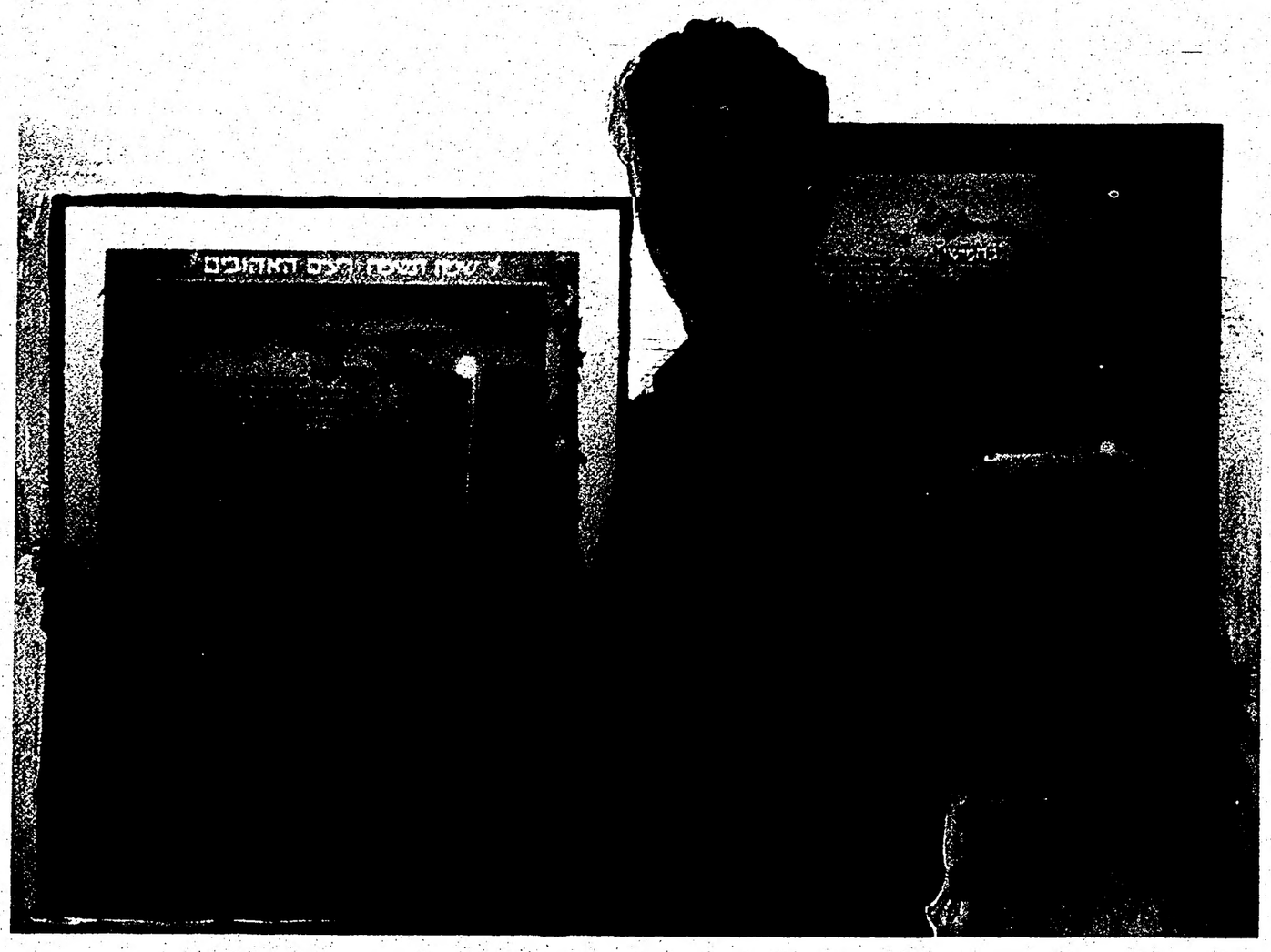

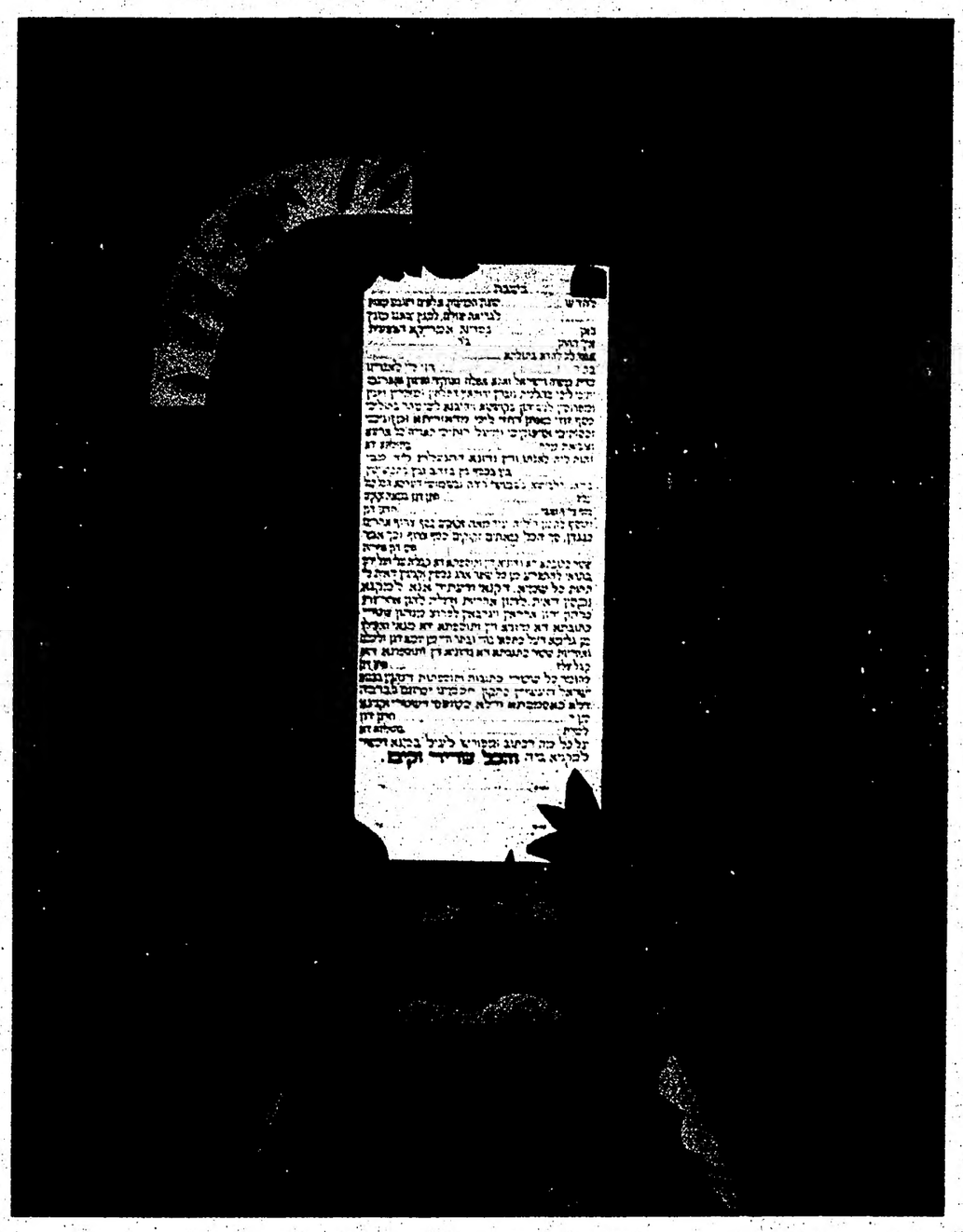

Symbolic Language

The ketuba is a religious and legal document that features a script dating back to talmudic times. Today, there are people who specialize in creating art pieces out of these documents. The ketuba on the previous page is an example of the hand-designed work done by Azriel Cohen of Enchanted Images Studio. The top photo pictures Cohen next to more of his designs. Directly above is an example of the colorful masterpieces done by Shelley Adler.

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As we are moving more and more into the world of the higher technology, so has calligraphy.

Fonts (738-8733 or 738-1232), a new calligraphy company, has moved into the age of computers. It is headed by Lisa Mortfield, daughter of Barbara Mortfield, who has been creating and selling invitations for the past 25 years.

"I am continuously requested to arrange for calligraphy for my clients," says Barbara Mortfield. "What better way to offer an entire invitation service package than to include computerized calligraphy. My daughter Lisa has always shown an interest in joining my business and this seemed like the perfect opportunity to incorporate her talents."

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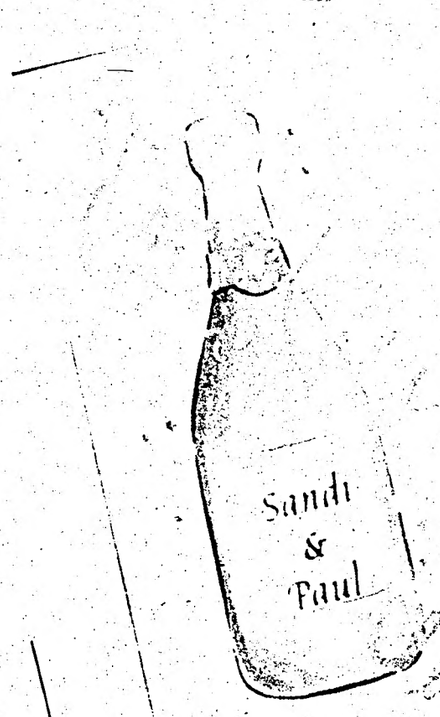

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Bea and Barry Muroff of Muroff Impressions Ltd., (733-4323) have a unique system that aids them in creating pen and ink calligraphy masterpieces.

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Pictured here are Barbara Mortfield (standing) of Invitations by Barbara Mortfield, and her daughter Lisa Mortfield of Fonts.

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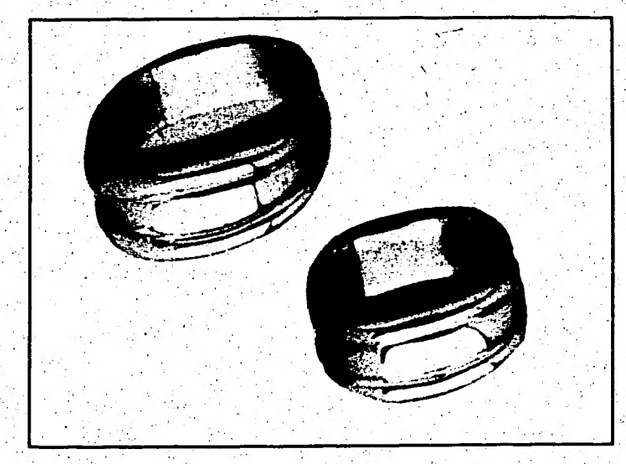

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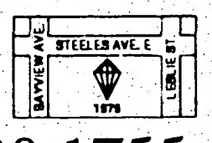

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Fresh or silk flowers liven

By MARLA Kay

I was only a baby when Joe Haad of Hungarian Florists (532-0864) began creating and supplying floral arrangements to the Toronto Jewish community. Over the past 35 years, Hungarian Florists have gained a reputation that is unsurpassable.

In many families his flowers have gone full circle. He started with the parents wedding, and then a bris, followed by a bar mitzvah and finally the child's wedding.

His creativity knows no bounds. He will do a simcha with 50 guests and a small banquet hall or house, to a party of 1,000 plus at the Constellation Hotel. He is very versatile and often works at Reform, Conservative or Orthodox synagogues. He can keep the flowers low key or very glitzy.

His outstanding centrepieces enhance every room decor. He utilizes exotic flowers such as gabariums, ginger, ontariums, orchids and orchid branches. He uses gold and silver lames, as well as silk morais to complement the flowers.

Haad is meticulous about his work in flowers and treats every party with the utmost care right down to the minutest detail.

You can always tell when Hungarian Florists have done the floral arrangements. The room is always filled with a multitude of fresh flowers, trees and plants and the effect is breathtaking.

This unique arrangement from The Floral Studio adds elegance to the decor of the wedding ceremony and reception.

Two new florists just beginning in Toronto are Floral Studio, owned by Mario Seguin (972-7460) and Royal Orchid, owned by sisters Lisa & Lydia (731-6030).

At Floral Studio, their creations range from stunning simplicity to recreating Versaille.

"My first objective when I opened my studio," says Seguin, "was to have a place of work where I am able to be creative with materials of different sources in addition to flowers. I enjoy utilizing foam core, copper, no seam paper, branches and grape vines. I want to give clients a different and fresh look."

"When a customer comes to the studio to discuss floral arrangements for their upcoming bar/bat mitzvah, wedding, fundraising event or gala, I always have a sample of the colors of tablecloths available. They range from tone on tone to morais, taffeta or monet. I always do a complete table set up complete with flowers, so that we can try different arrangements and find the perfect match to suit the clients needs," adds Seguin.

Floral Studio can be opulent, elegant or whimsical. Whatever the special event demands at whatever budget prevails. They specialize in flowers for every occasion and holiday. They will create the simplest arrangements consisting of a bud vase to a get well fun arrangement with a Bandaid two feet high.

I recently had the pleasure of working with Lisa and Lydia of Royal Orchid. My bride was extremely allergic to fresh flowers and the entire wedding was done with silk flowers. The effect was wonderful. The centrepieces were done so delicately that it was very hard to tell that they were silk unless you actually touched the flowers.

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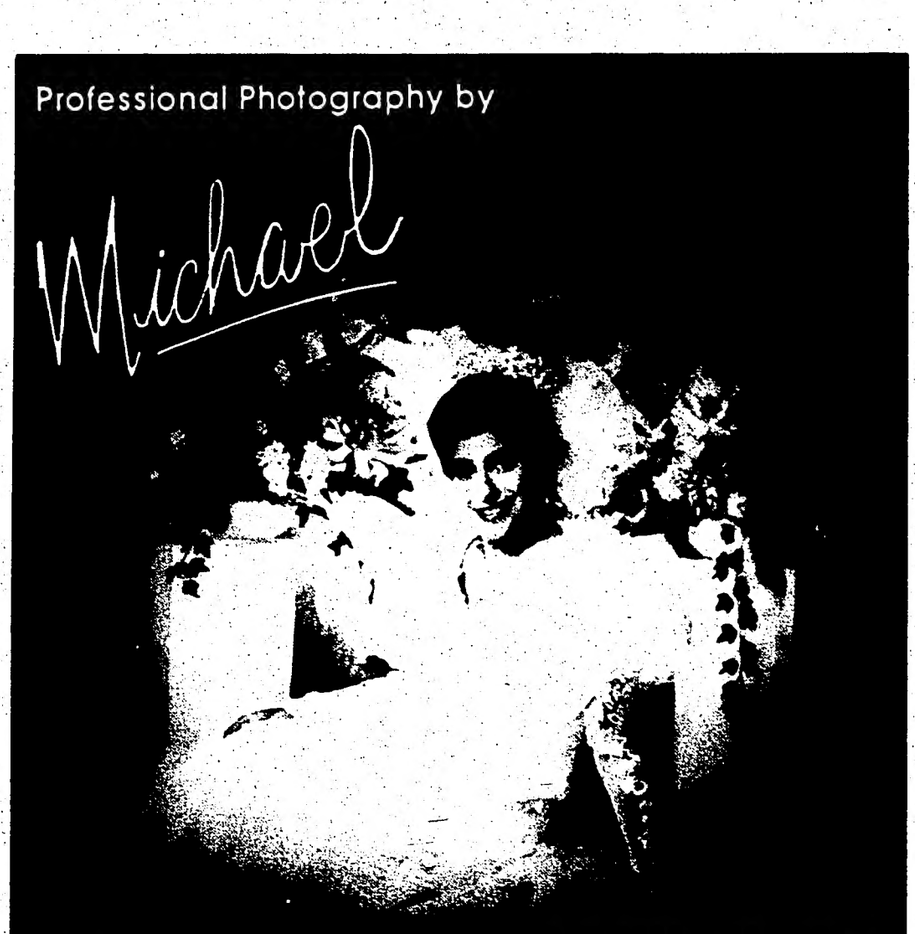

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Orchestra struts its stuff

On Oct. 27 there will be a mirror held up to Toronto's party industry.

It's time once again for the Alan Cohen Orchestra open house party.

Held at the Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. in North York, the open house will present a unique opportunity to anyone who is planning a special event such as a wedding, bar/bat mitzvah or company party.

Not only will guests browse to the sounds of the Alan Cohen Orchestra but they will be able to meet and speak with other top professionals.

Included in the show will be Mitchell Studios, Barbara of Barbara Mortfield Invitations, Josh Israel of Video Productions by Josh, Jean-Louis Fortin and Barry Brandenburg of June Flowers, Phyllis Rich and Mary Bien of Sculptchair and Francine Birken — Artist in Make Up.

There is free admission to the open house where guests are invited to wander among the many theme tables, each with its own distinct table and chair covers, centrepieces and floral arrangements ... all while enjoying complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres.

The second of its kind, the open house was created by Alan Cohen in answer to the questions he received from potential clients about where they could hear his orchestra play.

"Usually, of course, the answer is at someone's wedding or bar mitzvah. Unfortunately, that means standing at the door waiting for speeches to end and trying to look inconspicuous," Cohen says.

Thinking that there must be a better way, the idea struck.

"Why not throw our own party?", an event where people are welcome to have a seat, a bite to eat and to hear the band.

He explains that this simple concept was expanded upon to include professionals who are able to provide a wide range of services for everyone's party needs.

The open house will run from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Cards make fantasies real

By RANDI DRUZIN

Crouched down over the face-off circle, waiting for the puck to drop, you tilt your head up ever so-slightly and glare at Gretzky. He flinches. The puck drops and you win the draw, again. You skate by The Great One, effortlessly. Your winger passes you the puck just inside the Kings' blue line You deke out both their defencemen and slip the puck past their sprawled goaltender. The whistle blows, and the fans go crazy, you've won the game and the Stanley Cup for your team. Gretzky can only shake his head in disbelief. "That guy's out of control," he tells an incredulous reporter after the game. "He's better than me!"

Reality or fantasy?

"I make people's fantasies come true," explains Ken Sroka of Personal Sportscards Ltd. (487-5113). "Just about everyone dreams about being a sports hero."

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Sroka started doing hockey and baseball cards two years ago when he purchased a special camera from a woman who was doing the cards in the United States.

Today, Sroka is kept busy making the cards for sports enthusiasts at bar mitzvahs, trade shows and other gatherings. He also worked at professional baseball's all-star game. Recently, he worked at the CNE in the sportsplex and at the Western Fair in London, Ont.

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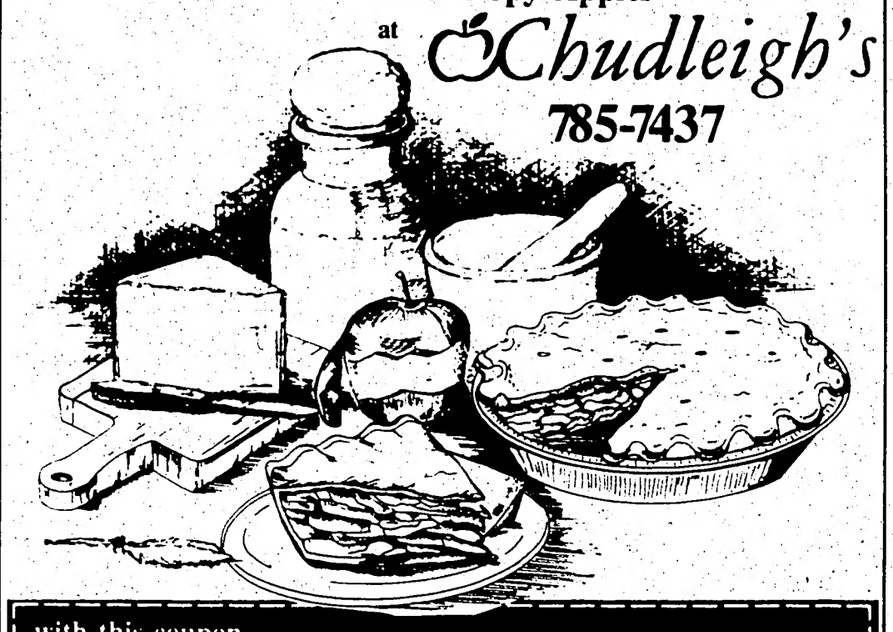

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Rentals enhance simchas

By MARLA KAY

When you have a simcha, there are certain standard items that are supplied as part of the services you engage. It is, however, possible to enhance these services by the use of "rentals."

One good example is, Linens 'N' Lace (512-8332) operated by partners Eva Mayer and Susan Silverman.

"Traditionally," says Mayer, "caterers offer only the basic square tablecloths. Our cloths are round floor lengths which provide an elegant look for your function. We rent table linen for special occasions such as bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings, engagements, anniversaries, house parties and corporate events."

Linens 'N' Lace carry tablecloths and napkins in a large variety of fabrics and colors. Their fabrics include taffetas, moire, laces, prints, polyesters and overlays with mix or matching cloth napkins. Their colors range from basic black, white and ivory to pastels and jewel tones.

"Our services are very personalized," adds Silverman. "When a client comes in, we assist them in their color schemes and room decor. We show them samples of materials and colors."

Linens 'N' Lace rents linens throughout Ontario, to synagogues, hotels and various catering halls.

Then, there's Kosher Natural, alias "The Candy Man" (789-7174), who specializes in 100 percent kosher candy. He carries the largest selection of assorted kosher bulk candy in Toronto.

"Seventy percent of our business is in the rental of candy machines," says owner Jack Schnoll. "We have candy floss, sno cones and our newest addition, the mini-donut machine."

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"When we are booked for a bar/bat mitzvah, our rental services include delivery and assembly and we personally man all the machines," adds Schnoll. "We ensure a fun time and a delicious time and provide unlimited sweets for the sweet."

The most important thing to remember when you are considering the rental of any service for your special event or party, BOOK EARLY. No one likes to face the possibility of disappointment, especially when children are involved.

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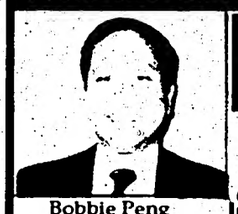
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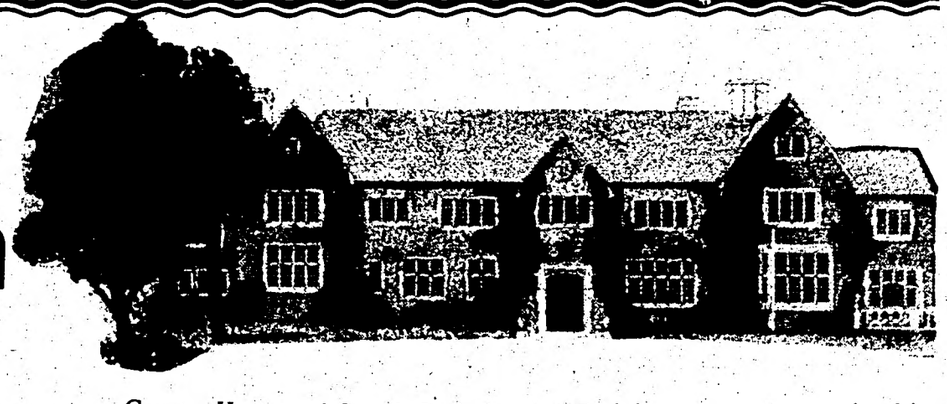

By CYNTHIA GASNER

The Estates of Sunnybrook, spread over more than 50 acres, with stately gardens and walkways and two splendid mansions — McLean House and Vaughan Estate — has become very successful for both social functions and corporate business events says Michael Young, vice-president of finance of the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre.

"People and corporations understand the pressures on health care funding and by utilizing The Estates of Sunnybrook they are able to have a first class function and at the same time support research at Sunnybrook," says Young.

All the profits realized at the Estates go towards medical research at the Reichmann Research Building. Young told *The CJN* that before the research Building was built two years ago, research was done in nooks and crannies. "Now we attract world renowned researchers."

The name Sunnybrook Health Science Centre evolved to give recognition to the diversity of health care related activity that is performed on our campus, says Young. "Our mission is to provide excellence and innovation in patient care, teaching and research, and, there is an important relationship between our academic and research activities and the provision of excellent quality patient care."

The Ministry of Health does not fund research. The annual budget for research at Sunnybrook is $10 to $12 million. "Of that, about $7 million are from grant monies from external sources and about $3 million come from direct support. The revenues generated by the McLean House and Vaughan Estate go to meet the direct support budget.

"In 1986, we installed a commercial kitchen in the McLean House," says Janiss Florian, director of sales and marketing for the Estates. "Our volume of business is double our original projections and our profits — given to research — are four times what we anticipated."

The two properties on the grounds of Sunnybrook were given evocative names by their owners, said Florian, who spearheaded the fundraising project at the Estates. Bay View is the former home of J. S. McLean and Donningvale was the former home of J. J. Vaughan.

James Stanley McLean was born in 1876 on his father's farm in Durham County. He created Canada Packers Ltd., gave generously to cultural institutions and established the McLean Foundation. In 1928, McLean had a Georgian-style home built overlooking the Don River Valley.

John James Vaughan, the son of an Irish policeman, was born in 1882. He joined the T. Eaton Co. Ltd., as a clerk in 1903 and worked his way up to vice president. In 1930, he commissioned the building of his baronnial Elizabethan-style mansion.

Both homes were expropriated in 1966 and became the property of the University of Toronto. Sunnybrook used both homes intermittently, but little was spent on maintenance. In 1982, the deteriorating and neglected McLean House was transformed by the Junior League of Toronto and The Interior Designers of Ontario into a designers' showcase home.

At the close of the showcase which was headed by Florian, she convincingly converted the designers' project into a fundraising opportunity for research at Sunnybrook. Today, it is one of the city's most popular venues for business and social events where, she notes, "in this sophisticated atmosphere, you receive highly personalized service."

After several years of building and renovation, Vaughan Estate opened in November 1991. Six Toronto interior design firms donated their talents to refurbish this magnificent mansion.

Both mansions can accommodate small and larger gatherings. The facilities include an English Tutor-style reception lounge, a light-filled conservatory, a baronial reception sunroom, courtyard ballroom, chandeliered dining rooms, board rooms, lecture theatre and meeting rooms.

Florian notes that the Estates cannot provide a facility for kosher catering but on request, kosher trays are brought in from a COR supervised caterer.

On Sunday, Nov. 8, the Estates will hold an Open House for families from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to acquaint members of the community with the elegant facilities.

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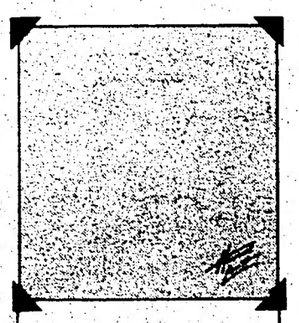
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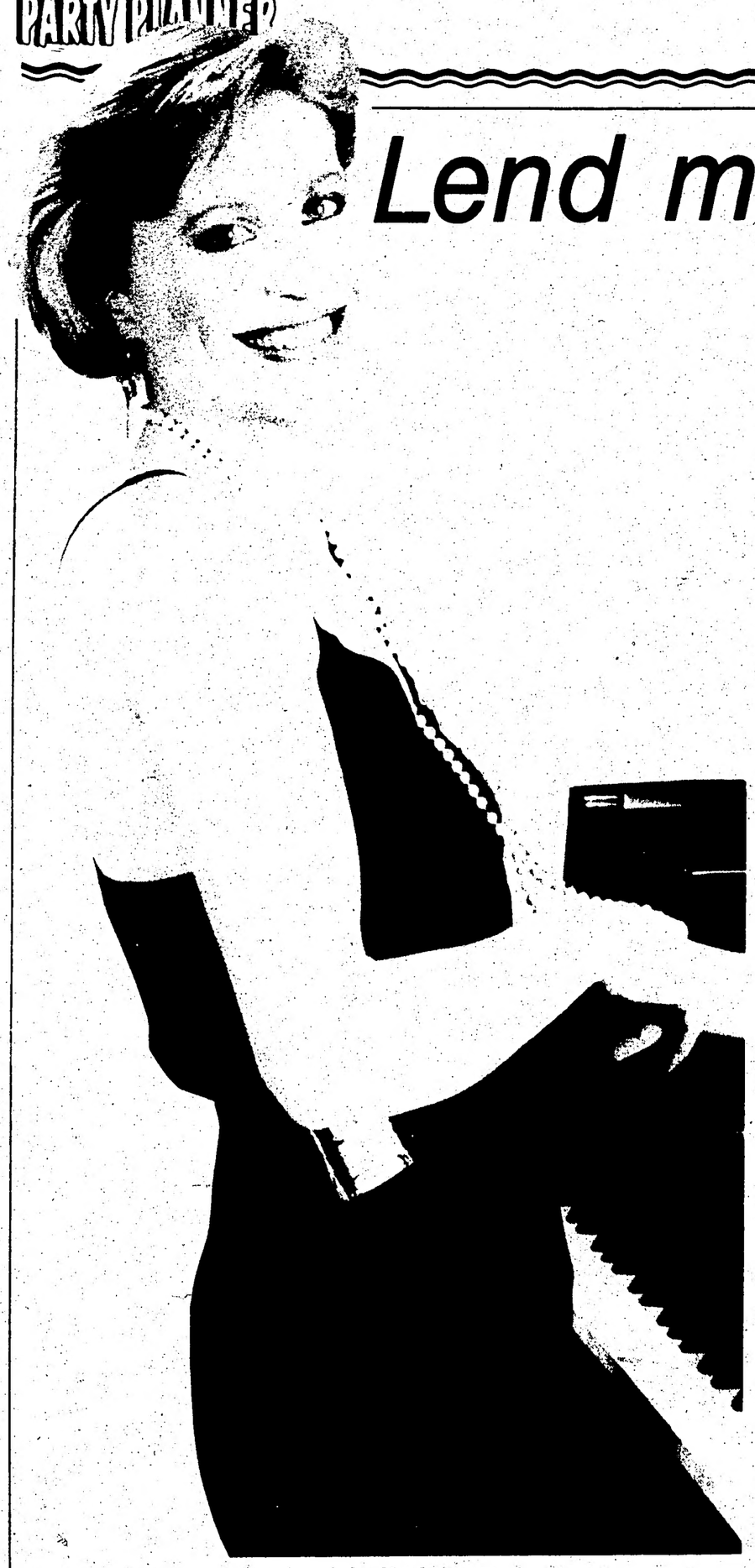

Leader of the band Fern Lindzon.

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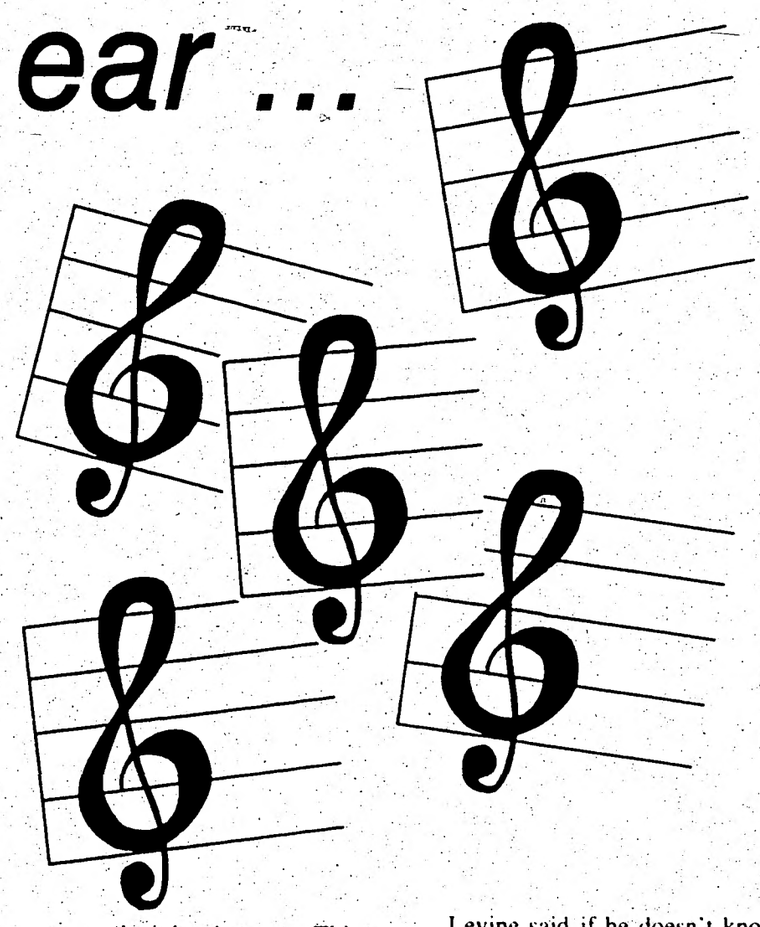

By JOSEPH SERGE

Before choosing a band for your party, it is important to meet with the band leader and develop a good relationship with him or her, band leaders say.

"Communication is the real key to having a good event," said Fern Lindzon (445-9780). "Someone who will listen really well to your needs is important."

"The best way to choose a band is to meet with the band leader, spend an evening with him and discuss what you need," Harvey Siegel (782-9202) said. "A phone call just won't do it."

Alan Cohen, leader of the Alan Cohen Orchestra (731-1663) says not to put much faith in listening to tapes since editing can do wonders to any band. "First and foremost you've got to hear the band live because anybody can make a good tape," he said.

Also important is recommendations. "Recommendations from people you trust and professionals in the industry, people who see bands often like photographers and bridal consultants, and of course your friends."

Choosing the right band is important, because when all is said and done, it's usually the music that can make — or break — a party. While a disc jockey can play all the original songs, many people say a DJ is no substitute for a live band.

"Nothing compares with live music, it's as simple as that," said Rick Levine (881-6400). "You can't beat live music. That is why you won't get 60,000 people to watch a DJ play Paul McCartney tunes."

"The interaction between players and their audience is really special," said Lindzon. "If a band is great, live music is a lot more inspiring to dance to." Lindzon said a band is able to adapt itself to the situation easily. If people start dancing to a song halfway through it, a band can extend the song to make it last longer. "Things can happen spontaneously that can't happen with a DJ."

Cohen said a DJ appeals more to kids. "When you have older adults, mixed age groups, bands work a lot better," he said. "A hora, or other ethnic music works a lot better with a band."

A good band should be able to take most requests. Of course, even the most seasoned band can't know every song ever made.

"It rarely happens," Siegel said. But when it does, "we ask them to give us an idea of what it was and we'll try and do a similar song. Our playlist is very extensive, ranging from '30s to contemporary." Siegel's band can range from a six-piece to a nine-piece, depending on the event.

"You have to keep your ear to the wall to find out what's going on," Siegel said. "New tunes come out fast and furious and then disappear, but the good ones remain. We put these in our repertoire."

Levine said if he doesn't know a request, he'll try and learn it for the next event. "We have a warehouse of songs that we've built up over the years by suggestions from our clients," Levine said. "If it is suitable, we'll be happy to learn it."

Levine is the leader of a seven-piece band that has been together for 10 years. He said he keeps up to date by reading *Billboard* and listening to the radio. "This is our business and part of our schedule is to follow up on what's going on."

Levine said a good band should anticipate things. At a party, "when we play something the crowd is responding to, then we'll go along those lines for the rest of the party."

Lindzon is a professional piano player who got her training at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. She performs solo or a quartet, depending on what is required and the budget.

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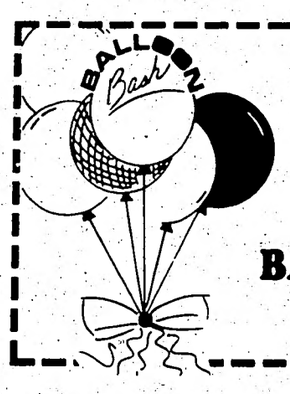

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Although she always meets with her clients to get a feel for what they want for their party, she never has a set playlist. "I always judge what is going on and have few preconceived ideas. It's very spontaneous," Lindzon said. Sometimes, if people say they only want classical music, she finds if she throws in a George Gershwin tune it might be the right thing and goes with jazzy stuff for a while.

"You have to know when to switch gears. If something is not working try something else," she said. "If the guests don't seem to be enjoying it, keep changing until something connects. I love playing for kids because you can't fool them. They know when music feels good and react honestly to it."

Cohen, who sings and plays keyboards, is the leader of an eight-piece band that is celebrating its 10th anniversary at an open house at Adath Israel on Oct. 27. He said he keeps listening to the radio and talking to people to find out what is popular. "There is always something that will work, you just have to find it. Once you find it, the party will go better.

"Some crowds are harder than others and you have to find out their likes by experimenting. You have to be flexible and read your crowd," Cohen said. "We have a master list but I can't say what I'll play until I see the whites of their eyes and judge what is right for the moment."

Siegel said it is important for the band to get involved. "We keep an eye on what happens. We see what gets them up and hone in on that. We get people involved by taking requests. The more involved with the people the better."

Siegel said a DJ normally plays his music very loud, but his band is famous for its volume control. "Guests can sit right beside the band and not have broken eardrums."

Siegel's band specializes in jazz and has played at the du Maurier and Molson's jazz festival and has recently played at the CNE. "Music is our life," he said of his band. "We make sure you enjoy the event as much as we do. Our lives' dream is what we're doing."

Levine said his band goes beyond the music. "I work with the client to help form an evening agenda, I make suggestions and find out what kind of party they're having and what they want to achieve." He said he spends as much time as is necessary to find out what the goals of the party are. "I'm very happy to help out with the party, work out an agenda and co-ordinate everything."

Lindzon says "I always start to play before people arrive. The second the first person walks in, music should be played. I imagine I'm a guest at a party and put myself in my clients' shoes. I have a professional attitude about what I do. I love to play music and people pick up on that."

Cohen said his band is very versatile. "We have a great ability to sound authentic. When we play modern music, we don't sound like guys from the '40s trying to sound modern and vice versa. We sound authentic regardless of the style we play.

"Live music is the most important part of a wedding. If the music is lively and energetic, no matter what else happens, one can still have a good party," Cohen said.

With this in mind, all band leaders suggest you book a band as soon as you've picked a hall. "Picking a band is the most important thing after you pick your mate," Levine said, "and after you choose where you're having it."

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Classic or contemporary ...

By RANDI DRUZIN

"I chose my wife, as she did her wedding gown;
not for a fine glossy surface,
but such qualities as would wear well."
— Oliver Goldsmith, 1766

Today, there is something for every bride-to-be, whether she's looking for a gown with a fine glossy surface, or for a gown that simply wears well.

There are scores of bridal boutiques in Toronto, most of which carry their own in-house fashions as well as several lines of designer gowns in every price range.

Sam Pollari of Lina's Bridal Boutique Ltd. (241-8087) at 1901 Weston Rd. (near Lawrence Avenue), says the traditional wedding gown remains one of the boutique's top sellers.

"These gowns never go out of style, though fabric preferences change," he says, noting that organza is currently very popular.

"Some women prefer the traditional gown with a high neck, while others prefer it with a V-neck," Pollari says, "and we usually adjust the sleeve length to suit the individual's preference. A lot depends on the time of year of the wedding."

The professionals at Lina's (Sam's mother, Lina, has been in the business for over 20 years) alter gowns that their customers choose from popular lines such as Demetrious for Sposabella, Demetrious for Ilissa and Eve of Mylady, and they design gowns from scratch for their more finicky customers.

Rean Ohashi, owner of The Bride By Rean (971-5235) at 147 Spadina Ave. (near Richmond Street), has been designing wedding gowns for about ten years. Her boutique features four of her own lines, three of which hark back to the Renaissance.

Ohashi says women have responded favorably to the "old and romantic look" featured in her Romeo & Juliet, Tudor Rose, Swan Rose and Crystal Rose collections. "These collections offer something unusual," she explains.

Romeo & Juliet Collection gowns feature a rich, brocade fabric that is

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Rean Ohashi, owner of The Bride By Rean and the creator of this magnificent bridal gown, specializes in dresses that hark back to the Renaissance.

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hand-beaded. The gowns, which don't have lace, "are doing quite well," according to Ohashi. "At first, customers were wary of the gowns' silver brocade," she confesses, "but they're selling quite well now."

The Tudor Rose Collection features gowns "straight out of the Elizabethan Era," says Ohashi. These gowns have a rich textured look and feature gold-embossed silk.

Selections from the Swan Lake Collection, says Ohashi, are very elegant and make brides "look like fairy tale princesses." They feature crystal organza and hand-rolled roses. Though these gowns are very time-consuming to make, Ohashi plans to expand the Swan Lake Collection from two to four gowns because, she says, "they are very popular."

For women who want to look dainty on their wedding day, gowns from Ohashi's Crystal Rose Collection feature crystal organza, lace, hand-rolled roses and custom beading.

Women who want neither a classic wedding gown, nor a gown which harks back to The Renaissance, might try Adele Wechsler (787-5768) at 1912 Avenue Rd. (near Lawrence).

Wechsler's shop emphasizes bridal outfits rather than bridal gowns per se. For example, a popular item in this boutique is an ivory suit, which includes a knit jacket complemented with pearls and chiffon and a matching bias cut chiffon skirt.

Wechsler features several of her own collections of bridal wear, including the Evening Collection and the Special Collection. The fall Evening Collection features a velvet sheath gown with a matching tuxedo jacket, and the Special Collection — which Wechsler's assistant Rhonda Burke-Irvine described as the dressier of the two collections — features a knit suit adorned with lace.

"Our clients want soft, understated clothing," says Burke-Irvine. "Our bridal wear appeals to sophisticated brides and to older women."

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A list of many thank you presents

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

Anyone looking for a thank-you gift for a client or an employee couldn't go wrong with a watch or an elegant pen. After all, as Michael daCosta, owner of Fortune's Fine Jewellery (787-4545), says, "A good pen is always appreciated." And the same goes for a watch.

However, for something completely different, he suggests a sterling silver golf ball marker. Engraved with his or her initials, the marker would be a great gift for the executive golfer.

Fortune's carries an assortment of cufflinks for grooms who want to thank their best men for marching in their weddings. "People wouldn't go out and buy them themselves and you can have any number of cufflinks," says daCosta.

To say thank you to the hosts of a dinner party, the store has sterling silver serviette rings, which can be engraved for the man and woman of the house.

At Fortune's silver starts at $20 and gold starts at $60. For $20, one could pick up, in silver, a pair of earrings, a chain bracelet for a young girl — a possible bat mitzvah gift — or a chain necklace or a small brooch. In gold for $60, there are earrings, chain necklaces and anklets. A freshwater pearl twist necklace would also interest someone who wants to keep the price modest.

Fortune's ultrasonic jewelry cleaner would be appreciated by anyone who wears jewelry. "More often the intended wouldn't have one," daCosta points out.

In the same vein, earring enhancers come highly recommended by him. The enhancers allow one to wear an accessory piece, say a gold daisy designed with a hole in the middle, with pearl or diamond studs. The enhancer is the backing that forms a jacket around the stud.

All that glitters is gold at George Klein Jewelry (730-1755).

Klein specializes in custom designs, working only in gold. He'll make anything to order — lapel pins, necklaces, earrings, rings — whatever the customer wants.

As thank-you gifts, he suggests stickpins with initials or one of the 13 different styles of initial rings he carries. "They are quite popular," he said.

He has a large selection of hand-crafted Star of David pendants and chai pendants for bar and bat mitzvah gifts, as well as mazzal rings.

Klein emphasized that his jewelry is unique in design. "You won't see it elsewhere," he says.

A thank-you gift could be found in his large selection of earrings. Among them, he has hoop earrings with cubic zirconia, which are the first quality man-made diamonds.

Saying thank you with a gift package can be a phone call away because telephone ordering is one of the services offered by the Nutcracker Sweet (782-3232).

The Nutcracker Sweet will make up customized thank-you gift packages ranging from $10 to $350 for all special occasions including weddings, holidays and birthdays and for businesses and corporations who may want to give a client a special thank-you.

For containers, Akler uses the traditional gift basket, as well as ceramic and metal bowls, which she fills with food and gift items. The packages are festive and colorful, decorated with her hand-made bows. She also makes up balloon bouquets to accompany gift packages.

Akler offers a broad range of food items. If someone wants a gourmet basket for a friend or client, they can order nuts, gourmet mustard, herb vinegar, fruit chutney, imported cheese, crackers and flavored coffee. For a person with a sweet tooth, she carries Belgian chocolates, Cookie It Up chocolate shortbread cookies, AnnRaskas candles and Chambord French jam. And the items could be mixed any way the customer wants for those who like the best of both worlds. She will send the packages anywhere in Canada or the United States. Akler is licensed to include wine in packages destined for Ontario locations.

Elaine Akler of Nutcracker Sweet

The Nutcracker Sweet fills and decorates tote bags, which lower the cost of gift packages.

Brides and grooms who want to say thank you to their out-of-town guests staying in hotels might consider a tote. Decorated with colorful tissue paper and bows and filled with goodies, the bags may be left in hotel rooms as a surprise and are easy for the guests to carry home.

The bags can be made up for a bat mitzvah in different colors, so they will fit into the color scheme. They may be personalized by adding "Welcome to (child's name) bat mitzvah" on the front.

Akler's corporate gift packages can also be customized. "If someone wants mugs with their corporate logo, we can do that," she said. "Basically there's nothing we can't get in the gift department."

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BRIDAL RENTALS

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

How do you get a $3,000 wedding gown, including veil, headpiece and matching jewelry for as little as $400? You rent it from Carson Palmer.

Carson Palmer at 368 Eglinton Ave. W. (487-4463), specializing in renting one-of-a-kind designer dresses, has recently added wedding dresses to their salon and according to owner Clarise Carson, "we've been inundated with requests from brides, mothers of the brides and bridesmaids."

Carson, a retired professional opera singer who sang for many years in Europe and North America, says that in London and New York renting gowns is "the thing to do. I once needed a formal outfit in London and when I found I was able to rent it, I was thrilled. When I retired from singing, I thought that a business like that was just what Toronto needed. We started with formal wear and got so many requests from brides that we decided to expand to include bridal wear."

She says that "renting wedding dresses makes perfect sense in our economy. We offer our customer a selection of beautiful traditional gowns in sizes 6-24 for $400 and that includes the veil, petticoat, earrings and sometimes even the shoes. That is a $3,000 value. Many people are not able to spend that amount on a dress and accessories. Renting is a great way to budget on the wedding and not compromise on the dress."

She says that some women may hesitate about renting a gown because they think the fit will not be perfect. "They can put those concerns to rest. We alter to fit perfectly and if necessary we've even done irreversible alterations. On occasion, we've even altered a gown for a pregnant bride." When a bride walks out of our salon she is wearing a dress that looks like it was made for her."

As for current trends, Carson says that it is still "traditional, traditional, traditional" in wedding gowns. We've had requests for everything from red leather gowns to black and white dresses, but for the most part brides still want lacy, embroidered gowns with hoops and trains.

"One of the favotites is an intricately beaded and re-embroidered lace gown with a fitted satin drop-waist bodice and satin rosettes on off-the-shoulder puffed sleeves. A full skirt and train of embroidered tulle appliqued over white satin completes the dress and rents for $500. In the other extreme we have rented a hot pink taffeta lace gown with lace puffy sleeves to a bride."

She says that a beautiful dress in a larger size is a satin, off-the-shoulder gown with an embroidered satin collar. "We also have many requests for gowns for religious weddings so we carry dresses with high necks and long sleeves. We even carry a body lining for those who love lace but cannot have any suggestion of skin under their dresses. As well, we carry an extensive collection of suits and dresses appropriate for alternative bridal wear. These include Victorian ankle-length dresses by Jessica McClintock."

She says that she does not provide the bridal attendants with identical dresses because the store only carries one-of-a-kind dresses.

"We do work hard however, at putting looks together. We've done black and white weddings and all-white weddings and we go to all lengths to find the perfect dress for the woman. Identical dresses really do not work at all because seldom does one dress fit most figures. We have a maternity line in the works so we'll soon be able to fit every figure type including pregnant figures."

Carson advises those attending weddings that they should never worry about dressing up too much because "one can never upstage the bride or the mother-of-the-bride. People are flattered when others dress up for their occasion. Appropriateness is the name of the game and it is incumbent on guests to dress as elegantly as they can. Renting a gown really makes sense when it comes to dressing appropriately because what is appropriate for one wedding is not appropriate for another."

Picture here are some examples of the bridal-wear rented by Carson Palmer.

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Lynn Cohen is pictured centre.

Frieda Langdon is pictured left.

Expert advice

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

Party and bridal consultant Frieda Langdon (783-8700) does more than act as a go-between for her client and the photographer, videographer, band, florist and caterer. She might also rock a baby to sleep during a ceremony, or make sure the mother of the bride puts her swollen feet up on a hot day, or give a few words of encouragement to a child who stumbles or forgets his or her lines at a bar or bat mitzvah.

"I know Saturday morning is a hard time for them," says Langdon. "They've studied hard. I tell them to remember that everyone who is there is very proud of them and to forge ahead."

People primarily hire her to help in arranging their weddings and bar and bat mitzvahs. Along with her consulting duties, she attends the rehearsal, the wedding day and her clients' bar and bat mitzvahs to make sure everything runs smoothly.

When a bride-to-be contacts her, Langdon discusses the basics with her — getting the shul and the hall or hotel as well as booking the band. "Once you decide on a place, you must book the band," she said. "They book very much in advance as do photographers, videographers and consultants."

After the groundwork has been laid, Langdon meets the bride-to-be, and maybe members of her family, the groom or his family, at the bride's home for an initial appointment that takes a minimum of three hours. This first meeting covers everything from invitations to speeches and the necessity for hotel accommodation for out-of-town guests. "I try to touch on every conceivable area that may be of concern to them, that may be troublesome," she said.

She welcomes the involvement of families or the groom if they choose it. "I want them to know that they have that freedom if that is their choice. I often have brothers and sisters call me on advice on party giving, gift giving, surprises they like to plan for the bride and groom, speeches and toasts."

How often Langdon meets with her clients, depends on their needs. "Sometimes they feel one meeting is enough, sometimes they need four or five."

She makes up an agenda, a program of the wedding day's events, for the key professional people involved — caterer, florist and everyone else — so they know what happens when. She also answers any questions they have.

She books the rehearsal hall, and on the wedding day she's in the shul and the dining room to take care of any emergencies. If a problem with the florist or the caterer arises, Langdon tackles it. "That way the bridal party doesn't have to be concerned with it. Their main concern should strictly be with enjoying their day, their evening and having a good time with their guests.

"It's a day they planned a very long time and they worked hard on making it perfect, so I'm there to see all their wishes and hard work come to fruition."

Planning for bar and bat mitzvahs sometimes begins three years in advance, when the child is ten.

Langdon gets together with the parents and discussion can centre around many of the same subjects she would talk over with a bride-to-be — invitations, catering, the band and the videographer.

She helps in planning the theme, if one is desired, the color scheme and candle-lighting.

Popular music, dance and movie themes have a high rating with girls, while boys go for music and sports. Favorite sports are baseball, hockey and wrestling.

Baseball, for example, can be carried through as a theme from beginning to end. Tables can be named after teams, a baseball player swinging a bat may be the centrepiece, and speeches and candlelighting can incorporate the theme. Peanuts, popcorn and crackerjacks would be snacks and T-shirts illustrated with a baseball player could be distributed as gifts.

Langdon helps parents find special entertainment, such as a juggler, a wrestler or a magician, and she recommends companies who do T-shirts and other novelty items.

One of her most important functions at a bar or bat mitzvah is to coordinate the candle-lighting. "When it happens and the way the introduction is done," she summarizes.

"I've been brought up on weddings," says wedding and bar and bat mitzvah consultant Lynn Cohen (889-1007). "I've been in this business all of my life."

Her mother, Dorothy Silverberg-Little, with about 30 years' experience as a consultant, was one of the first in all of Toronto. Cohen's mother now occasionally helps her with weddings.

After the bride-to-be has made the decision to use Cohen as a consultant and has booked the hall or synagogue, she may ask Cohen, over the phone, for suggestions about florists, photographers or other services she needs. "I don't suggest only one," Cohen said.

She meets with her brides-to-be for a few hours six or seven months before the wedding to discuss the details of the day. "I hope to set the bride straight on all the dos and don'ts," she says.

Among the subjects of discussion is the master of ceremonies program. And, if necessary, she and the bride write the speeches, too.

At the meeting the bride decides on a rehearsal date and, like consultant Frieda Langdon, Cohen books the rehearsal hall. At their disposal for numerous phone calls, Cohen noted that, for her clients, she is on call all the time.

Like Langdon, Cohen spends the whole day at the wedding, from the time the bride dresses until she throws the bouquet. She comes equipped with a kit — needles and thread to aspirin. "I'm prepared," she said.

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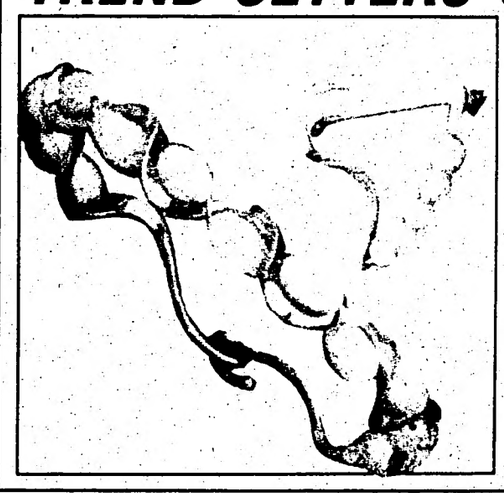

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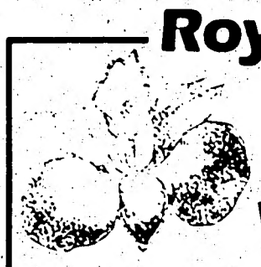

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As a party consultant, my first advice to my clients is that the most important service they must obtain for their simcha is a photographer. The party is over before you know it and it is imperative that you capture all those treasured moments on film. You can keep all those memories close to your heart forever.

Bill Mitchell of Mitchell Studios (886-0391) says, "There's nothing I like better than getting out and working with people. I get them interested in what we're doing and produce pictures that are very special for them.

"I believe we are in the business of taking pictures of people as they think they are, not as they really are. I really enjoy my work and it is reflected in my photography.

"There is no greater satisfaction than walking into a simcha to find a very uptight mother or bride and being able to calm and relax her with poise and a little bit of humor.

"There are so many people attached to a wedding," adds Mitchell. "Not only do you want to satisfy the bride and groom, but you must also please the parents. The bride has certain ideas of how she wants to look — sexy, model-like or sophisticated. Her father still wants to see Daddy's little girl.

"It's important to get across the relationship between the members of the families. I portray affection without looking soppy and I avoid making people look like they're lined up waiting for a bus."

Mitchell Studios pride themselves on their caring staff. "Our customers come first," says Mitchell, "which is reflected in the fact that we will only book one simcha on one day. I won't send somebody to do what my clients pay me to do. The majority of our work is repeat business. Our photography follows through the entire family, from bar/bat mitzvah to engagement and wedding. We produce a high quality product with the emphasis on high quality service.

Mark Stern Photography (771-0081) has been working and specializing in portraiture and wedding photography for the past 11 years and has just celebrated his second year in his own studio.

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are the essence of this industry. Our clients want to feel special and well looked after from the moment they enter our studio to the time when their celebration is over."

People are definitely looking for more noncontrived or more casual photographs. Black and white photography is definitely making a comeback. People want to get back to basics but with a more dramatic look.

"It is absolutely essential," says Stern, "that I have an amicable working rapport with all my clients. I like to get very well acquainted on a personal level. This gives me an understanding of whom I'm dealing with. I want to be able to put people at ease when they are feeling really stressed out. Good portraiture comes from the heart. I capitalize on their feelings and express it in my pictures."

A photographer can only be judged by his finished product. Mark Stern will spare no expense (with no added costs to the client) when it comes to retouching and enhancement. "If it will create a better quality finish, we do it. Our customers have to be pleased. Our business relies heavily on word of mouth referrals."

Photography by Ferne (785-9700) also specializes in portraiture for weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs. She is also involved with photographic restoration. "I am a professional photographer and retoucher," says Ferne, "and drawing on this, I am very meticulous about my work. My goal is to provide excellent quality at an affordable price. I customize each package to suit each client's needs."

"I have a very specific style which is reflected throughout my work," adds Ferne. "I don't experiment with people's simchas. Consistency is important. Reliability is essential. I practice my creativity on my own time. I am always punctual and ready to work. We are a quality studio, not a quantity studio."

The etiquette of a photographer should be not to call more attention to themselves than is absolutely necessary and to maintain the utmost professional conduct. On the other hand, you must be able to work quickly and efficiently with little time and a hectic schedule without seeming pushy.

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